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TELEGRAMS.

THE BALKAN CRISIS.

THE POWERS RESOLUTE.

Reuter's
[Service to the "Telegraph."]
London, April 26.

In the Reichstag, Herr von Jagow, Minister for Foreign Affairs, said that Germany and the other Powers had intimated that the capture of Skutari in no wise alters the decision of the Ambassadors' Conference that Skutari shall belong to Albania. The last Conference decided to call upon King Nicholas to evacuate the city. Should Montenegro not comply, further steps would be considered.

Hope Yet.

Reuter learns that the Ambassadors discussed exclusively the question of Skutari, and the result was summed up in the words of a diplomatist that "the spirit of the Conference was such that with the exercise of patience we certainly shall turn the corner safely." The discussion emphasised the absolute unanimity and unswerving resolution of the Powers to uphold their decisions, and there was an entire absence of any desire for hasty action. It is expected that King Nicholas will be officially notified in a few days that he must give up Skutari. Meantime fresh instructions will be telegraphed to the fleet to extend and make absolute the blockade. It is denied that Austria suggested a forty-eight hours' limit, as reported from Vienna.

Bulgarian Movements.

London, April 27.

A message from Salonika reports that the 7th Bulgarian Artillery, quartered there, have been recalled urgently to Serres. They proceeded thither in the morning. The 14th Infantry proceeds to Serres in three days. The delay is supposed to be due to the necessity for assuring the withdrawal of everything Bulgarian, including posts and telegraphs.

Austria Still Insistent.

A message from Vienna states that Count Berchtold, the Minister for Foreign Affairs, and the Minister for War had an urgent conference with the Emperor for two hours on Saturday evening It is stated that if the Powers fail to agree to united action by Monday, Austria will act alone. It is reported that Germany has promised assistance in all circumstances.

The semi official "Fredemblatt" (Vienna), in discussing the situation at Skutari, states that "If Austria is to be really tranquillised something more is required than a platonic declaration of unanimity by the Powers. Their goodwill must be translated into acts without delay. The constant talk abroad of compensations to Montenegro makes an especially bad impression. Europe's political and military prestige has been injured by the fall of Skutari. If the Powers are indifferent to this check Austria cannot follow them. The minimum she requires is the presentation at Cettinje of a demand by the Powers for the immediate evacuation of Skutari, and in the event of a refusal the adoption of military measures to compel compliance. Any hanging back from this minimum on the part of Europe would excite dissatisfaction and bitterness in Austria which it would be in the interest of Europe to prevent."

"King of Albania."

Later.

Reuter's correspondent at Cettinje wires that Essad Pashe, the defender of Skutari, has proclaimed himself King of the Albanians at Alessio.

THE BALKAN CRISIS.

FRESH FEARS.

Reuter's
[Service to the "Telegraph."]
London, April 27.

Reuter states that the withdrawal of the Bulgarian troops from Salonika is regarded in London with anxiety. It is not regarded as indicating a modification in the Bulgarian attitude on the subject of Salonika, but possibly rather to the alarm of the Bulgarians at the concentration of the Greek forces in the neighbourhood. It is not believed, however, that a rupture is imminent.

DUKE OF CONNAUGHT.

FAITH IN CANADA.

London, April 26.

The Duke of Connaught was the guest of the Canada Club in London. In a speech he expressed the hope, if the health of the Duchess permitted, of returning to Canada and spending another year there He spoke most hopefully of the future of Canada, and advocated making roads as an alternative to railways in view of motor traffic.

ARNST'S FUTURE.

TO RETIRE FROM SCULLING.

London, April 26.

A message from Sydney states that Arnst, the sculling champion, has decided to retire. He has purchased a motor launch and becomes a professional fisherman.

PETROLEUM.

NEW FIELD DISCOVERED.

London, April 26.

It is officially announced in Buenos Aires that a vast petroleum field has been discovered in the province of Salta.

RUSSIAN MINISTER HONOURED.

London, April 27.

A message from St. Petersburg states that on the occasion of the Russian Easter, His Excellency M. B. N. Kroupensky, Russian Minister to Peking, receives the Order of Stanislaus.

AVIATION FEAT.

London, April 27.

The French aviator Gilbert flew from Paris to Vittoria, a distance of 534 miles, in 503 minutes, thus constituting a record.

DUCHESS OF CONNAUGHT

London, April 27.

The Duchess of Connaught had a disturbed night, and is not so well.

TROUBLE IN LISBON.

SERIOUS RISINGS.

Reuter's
[Service to the "Telegraph."]
London, April 27.

Several obscure and incoherent messages received from Lisbon appear to indicate serious disturbances there. Early in the morning two bombs exploded, and numerous arrests were made.

According to one account, a group of demonstrators calling themselves Radical Republicans tried ineffectually to persuade the Engineers to leave their barracks, and then went to the headquarters of the Republican Federation, where they armed themselves. Among the demonstrators was an infantry Captain, who was subsequently arrested.

But apparently the situation is somewhat grave, as the Cabinet is now meeting to consider what military measures are necessary.

Later.

Reuter's correspondent at Lisbon states that the demonstrations, which were apparently abortive, were the work of Royalists, Republican extremists and Syndicalists. The Government, being warned of the plot, made elaborate arrangments. A quantity of arms was seized, while the prisoners taken were sent aboard a warship on the Tagus.

LAWN TENNIS.

COVERED COURT CHAMPIONSHIPS.

London, April 27.

In the covered court lawn tennis championship final, played at Queen's Club on Saturday, Davson beat Larsen of Denmark, 5—7, 6—3, 6—2.

In the doubles Lamb and Gore beat Davson and Mavrogordato, 4—6, 6—2, 7—5, 6—1.

A NARROW ESCAPE.

GUNBOAT MISTAKEN FOR TARGET.

London, April 26.

Telegrams have been received in New York reporting that while the monitor Talakasse was at target practice at Delaware Cape she mistook in the haze the gunboat Dolphin for a target, and fired 806 pounds of shell at her and struck her rigging.

The Dolphin had a party of Senators and Congressmen on board: A shell exploded near, drenching the legislators with spray.

MR. BRYCE.

FAREWELL TO U.S.A

London, April 27.

The Right Hon. James Bryce, the retiring British Ambassador to Washington, has presented his letters of recall to President Woodrow Wilson, and took leave of him. Mr. Bryce returns to England *via* Japan and China.

A Sound Conviction.

A message from New York states that Mr. Bryce in an address to the Pilgrims' Society said that he was convinced that all questions between the United States and Great Britain were capable of peaceful adjustment for all time. No two peoples were so appointed by Providence to be friends,

THE BIG LOAN.

CONTRACT COMPLETED.

Reuter's
[Service to the "Telegraph."]
London, April 26.

It is reported by Reuter's correspondent in Peking that the loan contract is completed and the bankers expect its signature to-day (Saturday.) It is understood that the price will be nominally 89.

Japan waived her claims to the appointment of an adviser, and British, Russian, French and German advisers have been appointed.

THE IMPERATOR.

DISASTROUS FIRST TRIP.

London, April 26.

Eight people were injured by an explosion of benzine on the new giant Hamburg Amerika liner Imperator on the Elbe. Two are dead, and three are dying.

The Imperator had previously grounded, but got off safely.

VOLUNTEER INSPECTION BY GENERAL ANDERSON.

Fine Display at Shanghai.

The inspection of the Shanghai volunteers was carried out by Major-General Anderson C.B., on April 19. It took place as usual on the Polo Ground, and differed but little if at all from its predecessors, says the "N. China Daily News."

It was not long after three o'clock when the first of the units of the Corps put in an appearance on the Race Course, and there being at that time the additional attraction of bright sunshine, the public was also early on the scene of activities. While several of the companies had gathered at different points on the course, the first event event of interest of the afternoon was the arrival of the staff—Lt. Col. Barnes, the Commandant, Major Trueman, Major Hanwell and Capt. Canning who had ridden up from Headquarters. Immediately after them were the colours and following previous custom, it fell to "A" Co. to provide the colour party and the escort. The former consisted of 2nd Lieut. Needham, Cpl. Graham, Lce. Cpl. Mansfield, Ptes. Bussey and Garrett. Headed by the bugle band, the colours and their escort marched via the Maloo to the Race Course, and took up their position at the head of the long line of infantry which was speedily formed by the arrival of the other companies. A few minutes after four o'clock the whole Corps had paraded, including the Reserve Co. which occupied a place in the rear.

Major-General Anderson and his A.D.C., Capt. Brock, also arrived on the scene shortly after four o'clock, and were greeted with the general salute. Accompanied by the Staff they proceeded along the lines, the inspecting officer making a careful scrutiny of the different units. When this was concluded he proceeded to the saluting base, and the order for the march past was given. At the saluting point were members of the Municipal Council, including Messrs. E.C. Pearce, Civil Commandant of the Corps, H. Figge, H. T. Gulland, A. S. P. White-Cooper, A. R. Owen and W.L. Merriman, while Mr F.S.A. Bourne, C.M.G., was also an interested spectator.

Except for a very slight raggedness in one or two cases when taking the ground at the gallop, the march past was excellent. The infantry platoons, many ex-

PRAYERS FOR CHINA.

AUSTRALIA PARTICIPATES.

Reuter's
[Service to the "Telegraph."]
London, April 26.

Reuter's correspondent at Melbourne wires that the Churches in Australia are offering prayers for the Chinese Parliament and people in response to the appeal from the missionaries in China.

President Yuan's Wish.

President Yuan has telegraphed to the British Missionary Society: "Thanks cordially. I pray for prosperity to your religion. All Chinese are grateful to you."

pressions of appreciation from the spectators by their performance, and except in isolated cases, little fault could be found in any direction. When it had all been concluded, Major-General Anderson took the occasion to address a very few remarks to the Corps, making in fact what was probably the briefest speech on an inspection occasion which has been heard for some years.

He congratulated the officers and men on their appearance, their soldierly bearing and the way in which they had marched past. It had given him great pleasure to make the inspection, and he commented favourably upon their efficiency.

Thereafter the Corps marched off the parade ground, taking up a position near the Swimming Bath where a group photograph was taken. The Infantry Battalion then marched to the Band where with the exception of the colour escort, they were dismissed, "A" Co. proceeding to Headquarters.

THE HEALTH BILL.

The weekly return of the number of cases of communicable diseases shows that ten cases of plague were notified during last week (eight in the city and two in other districts) and nine deaths. Two more have been reported since Saturday. The total number of cases of plague since January 1 is 28 and the number of deaths 35 All were Chinese.

Nine cases of diphtheria were notified as occurring last week and there were two deaths. There was one case of enteric fever and one death, and three cases of small pox with two deaths.

A SORT OF RESORT.

At the Police Court, this morning, before Mr. C. D. Melbourne, Mr. Beavis, of Messrs Wilkinson and Grist, charged seven coolies with being found on his premises at the Peak, without permission. The complainant stated that defendants were seven out of about twenty five men who had made his coolie quarters a sort of resort. The other men escaped, but he would ask that an example be made of these.

A fine of $5 each was imposed.

Soldier's Cycling Dress.

A distinctive dress comprising jacket and knickerbockers of blue serge, with stockings or putties of the same colour, must be worn in future by soldiers when cycling for pleasure, according to a new War Office order.

Gift to the Tsar.

The Tsar has received at the Alexander Palace thirty-two delegates of St. Petersburg and Moscow credit institutions, who handed His Majesty on the occasion of the Romanoff Tercentenary a gift of £100,000. The Tsar cordially thanked the delegates and said he would devote the sum to charitable purposes.

MR. SUNG'S MURDER.

THE PLOT DISCLOSED.

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London, April 26.

A message from Reuter's correspondent at Shanghai states that the Governor of Kiangsu has telegraphed to the President, the Premier, the deputies, and governors of provinces detailing the correspondence between Mr. Hung, the Premier's Secretary, and Iung Kwe-shing, who stands charged with instigating the murder of the ex-Minister, Mr. Sung, at Shanghai, last month. The correspondence tends to show that President Yuan Shih-kai was implicated in the murder.

[A special telegram to the "Telegraph," on Saturday, gave details of the correspondence referred to in the above message.]

LOCAL SPORT.

LAWN TENNIS.

H.K.C.C. Tournament.

The latest results in the above tournament are:—

In the third round of the Doubles Handicap, Capt. James and Capt. Crawford (owe 15) beat P.P.J. Wodehouse and T. H. King, (rec. 4/6) 8-6, 6-3, while in the semi-final of the same competition A. N. Joseland and J. B. Penman walked over from Captain Clarke and Lieut. Beattie.

In the "A" Class Singles, A. C. E. Elborough (recs. 1/6) beat Major Hunter (scr.) 6-3, 9-7.

In the semi-final of the "B" Class Singles, C.C. Clarke (recs 15) beat Lt. Beattie (recs 1/6) 8-6, 6-3, thus qualifying to meet J. McPherson in the final.

To-night's Ties.

This evening H. Hancock meets Capt. Crawford, and A. N. Joseland plays J. B. Penman, both in the semi-final round of the Championship Singles.

RIFLE SHOOTING.

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The following are the best scores made at the practices on 26th, and 27th inst:—

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Mr McLennan	32	31	28	91
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Mr R. Stewart	30	31	29	90
Mr Fawcett	28	31	30	89
Mr Elson ...	29	30	30	89
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Besides several scores of 87 and under.

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NEWS FOR BUSY MEN.

TELEGRAMS.

THE NEWS CONDENSED.

The Quintuple Loan to China was signed on Saturday at midnight.

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LOCAL.

The party wall case was continued to-day at the Supreme Court.

A demonstration of the Edison kinetophone is to be given at the Theatre Royal to-night.

Yesterday was observed as a day of special intercession for the Chinese notion, in Hongkong churches yesterday.

Interesting items of local sport appear in to-day's issue. A report of the children's sports held on Saturday also appear.

The prayers which were used throughout the Anglican Churches yesterday, on the occasion of the day of the prayer, are published to-day.

The marriage of Mr. Herbert Griffin and Miss Connie Pearce, daughter of the Rev. T. Pearce, took place on Saturday afternoon at the Union Church.

A Chinese rickshs coolie was fined at the Police Court this morning for taking money from the pocket of a German who is walking round the world.

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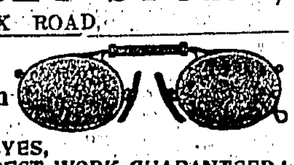

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South China Morning Post.

The Loan Contract.

Owing to the vexatious delay of the Powers interested in adjusting conflicting claims to adviserships, the Government has lately been compelled to think very seriously, and several suggestions to meet the needs of the administration have emanated from the Ministry of Finance. One was to float a six per cent. public loan, another to enforce a tax on incomes and a third to establish a transportation company. We mention them merely as a matter of record for if the fate of previous efforts may be taken as a criterion all three schemes are doomed to disappointment. Such is the financial state of the young republic that it scarcely knows where to turn. Meanwhile, outstanding debts are rapidly accumulating. Japan's withdrawal of her claim to an advisership in connection with the Loan seems to have finally cleared the path for China to receive the help which she so badly needs. We wonder if the prayers offered up yesterday throughout Christendom will be answered.

Daily Press.

China and Japan.

If the views of the Japanese correspondents had been accepted implicitly from day to day the Chinese Republic should have gone up in fire and blood long ago. That it still exists is due, from their point of view, to a fortunate claim of circumstances rather than to any inherent strength. There is among foreign observers a disposition to believe that the Japanese public is being supplied with the kind of news it desires to receive from Peking, as Japan's attitude towards China is regarded as being influenced by a keen desire that the other Powers should not get ahead of her in their China policy. This sense of competition must dull any feeling of friendship towards China, the corpus vili, if it does not absolutely check it. Too close a friendship with China might throw Japan into opposition to the Powers, and prevent her reaping the fruits of any advantages secured by them. These seem to be the chief reasons of Japan's detachment from China They account for the failure of Dr. Sun's visit to arouse that support of the Republic which he expected.

China Mail.

The Designers of Navy Ships.

The Royal Corps of Naval Constructors has undoubtedly done most satisfactory service. Its organisation has been largely responsible for the development of shipbuilding from the scientific standpoint. Sir James Williamson, who for long held an important position at the Admiralty and served on some committees appointed in connection with the work of the Corps, illustrated the value of the Corps, to the nation at the dinner. He pointed out that the first Corps was started in 1811, and the men of distinction produced by that school included Messrs. Isaac Watts, Abethell, Luarge, Reade, Chatfield, Creuze, and others. When Sir William first went to the Admiralty in 1863 Mr. Watts was the Constructor of the Navy, and Messrs. Abethell and Large were his assistants. Mr. Watts became Chief Constructor Lloyd's Register, and his success induced the Register in later years to appoint to their staff men trained in the Admiralty schools or colleges. This first school was closed in 1832—due probably, says "Engineering," to a desire for economy—and the second school was founded in 1848, but existed only until 1853, not through any lack of appreciation of work of the students of the school, as amongst the alumni were Sir Edward Reed, Sir Nathaniel Barnaby, Mr. Frederick Barnes, and Mr. James B. C. Crossland.

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FREIGHT CIRCULAR.

Messrs. Lemke and Rogge's Freight Circular, dated Hongkong, 26th April, states:—

The freight market throughout the fortnight has ruled exceedingly quiet owing to the unexpected falling off in the demand for tonnage to load at Saigon, while other freights leaving a good margin of profit to owners are left unfilled owing to scarcity of tonnage. A vessel fixed sometime ago Saigon to Hongkong at 36 cents per picul arrived at loading port too late, and charterers promptly availed themselves of their option to cancel the charter. The vessel however was easily placed Bangkok to Hongkong at 50 cents per picul, which we calculate to be equally profitable business for owners.

The North reports that freights all along the Coast are high, tonnage scarce, and the demand much in excess of supply.

Saigon to this.—As arrivals have continued to meet with a declining rice market, chartering operations have been kept suspended, and only an occasional boat has been taken up at much reduced rates. It is said that a regular liner has accepted small parcels even down to 25½ cents per picul, although this cannot be considered as representing the market rate. During the last few days the local rice market has improved slightly and fresh chartering operations may be anticipated as soon as the local stocks are sufficiently reduced, when rates should gradually work their way up again. Rice exports during this season amount to total 256,132 tons compared with 190,235 tons during the same period last year. Quotation for rice stands for April/May shipment No. 2 white round sifted at $4.46 per picul as against $5.83, same period last year:—

Saigon/Philippines:—Charterers have taken taken up the Philippine owned cable ship "Rizal" at 45 cents for 30,000 piculs option, 40,000 piculs at 40 cents per picul, but we hear of no further orders at present. According to Custom house statistics there were over 15 million kilos of rice less imported last month than during March 1912 for the five ports, Manila, Cebu, Iloilo, Zamboanga and Jolo.

Saigon/Java:—We have not heard of any fresh chartering business accepted by "outsiders." For June loading there is no demand, whereas orders for July loading are not placeable owing to owners not wishing to bind themselves so far ahead.

Saigon/Japan:—Several Japanese vessel have cleared from here in ballast for Saigon to load rice cargoes for Japan; terms are kept private.

Bangkok:—Cargo continues plentiful and "outside" tonnage was easy to place, a small steamer obtaining a rate as high as 55 cents per picul.

To carry limestone from Quang Yen to Hongkong a steamer has been chartered at $3.25 per ton.

Newchwang/Canton:—Business during the fortnight has been restricted to one small cargo, the last rate viz 39 cents having been successfully maintained.

Coolie trade:—We reported in our last Circular the fixture of the Brit. S. S. "Haiyang" for a trip with coolies from Swatow to Samoa and back. This charter has however had to be cancelled as it now transpires that a vessel flying the British flag is not allowed to carry contract labour. As substitute the Germ. S. S. "Michael Jebsen" has been taken up for the round trip on Private terms.

Coal Freights:—One or two large steamers coming on the market rates from Japan are inclined to be slightly easier, and fixtures are reported Moji/Hongkong, $2.25 and Hongay/Shanghai at $3.80 per ton.

Attempted Bomb Outrage in India.

Calcutta, March 26.—A dead body and the remains of a bomb were found this morning in the compound of Mr. Gordon, subdivisional officer at Moulvi Bazar, in Assam. It is believed that an attempt was to have been made by the dead man to murder Mr. Gordon, who was prominently connected with the Jagatsi (Assam) riot case.

A TONIC DRINK.

Few drinks have established such a reputation as "O.T." It has this peculiar quality, that it is a drink at once for abstainers and non-abstainers. O.T. is derived from fruits and herbs, having nutritive and beneficial properties. Agreeable to the palate and distinguished for favourable effects on the constitution, it is a drink that can be taken in any quantity with the feeling that it is conducive to perfect health. It blends perfectly with all other drinks—moderating the intoxicating effects of alcoholic liquors, the "flatulent" effects of aerated drinks, and acting as a corrective for drinking water. It improves the flavour and palatability of all drinks. O. T. is a beverage that appeals to all conditions of men, women and children in all countries. It is claimed for it, too, that it is a real thirst-quencher and a specially safe drink. A little O.T. with crushed ice makes an effectual and safe thirst-quencher, and that is worth knowing in the tropics.

O. T. has "life" and "bite" like spirits, and is the nearest substitute for alcohol ever produced. After alcoholic excess it restores vitality and nerve, while satisfying the craving for alcoholic stimulants. It is a splendid "pick-me-up," and has a tonic effect if you rise with a bad taste in the mouth or a disordered liver. O. T. again is an excellent stomachic, useful in case of indegestion, and a valuable aid for colic and other stomach troubles. It derives special virtues from certain ingredients of recognised service in stomach troubles, and which are endowed with properties for resisting fevers, dysentery, and other inflammatory complaints.

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In a word O. T. is a drink of guaranteed purity and goodness which can be taken either by itself or mixed with any other drink and which is in every case extremely palatable and of tonic quality.

MORE MIDSUMMER MADNESS.

"A Humanitarian Tribunal."

We have received from Dr. J. A. Riviere, of Paris, some pamphlets and extracts dealing with the tenets of L'Association Medicale Internationale contre la Guerre (the International Medical Anti-War Associationation.)

We never heard of this body before but, in view of our telegram reporting Mr. Bryan's statement, it is interesting to glance at Dr. Riviere's special proclamation, of part of which we give a translation below.

"We are of opinion that, in order to suppress war, it would be sufficient to apply to nations the laws which rule individuals. Certain acts, although derived from natural laws, are considered crimes by society, and are judged as such by the courts." (Well; we should hope so; life in Hongkong wouldn't be worth living if it were otherwise.) "The human mind has, for a long while, submitted to this mode of social ruling.

"From the individual to the nation is but a step, but the tribunal charged with the judging of international cases ought to be composed of all the elements which constitute a nation. Each profession and each corporation of every country ought to be represented in this High Tribunal, which would take the name of "The International Tribunal." (By any other name it would mean as much; at present we can't, for the life of us, see what the man's getting at.) "Over this there should be a court of supreme jurisdiction called "The Humanitarian Tribunal".

"The members of the first court, representing the corporations and professions, would be directly elected by those; while the members of the second would be chosen by the citizens of each country. The sanction of these two would not be more difficult to apply than that of the ordinary courts. An international police would replace the national police. The moral sanction—".

But we haven't patience to go on with it. This is the sort of meaningless jargon that is daily being turned out in Europe and America, and—as a certain reviewer once said of a novel of Miss Corelli's—people have been put in the padded room for less. Humanitarianism, like Free Trade is "delightful in the other fellow;" and we should imagine that Dr. What's-his-name will find plenty of converts among burglars, forgers and murderers, who have a soul above the debased procedure of our police and criminal courts, and who would hold out both hands for a "Humanitarian Tribunal."

Fancy the Tai On pirates, or the Cheung Chau gentlemen in the dock (which, if the humanitarians had their way, would probably be an easy chair, with a fan, a cigar and a cooling drink handy) before such a court. What attitude, we wonder, would it have taken towards the Boers when they fired on the white flag, or the Spaniards when they blew up the Maine (if they did blow it up, for there seem to be doubts about it nowadays)?

So might one administer justice in Heaven, but not in Europe; much less in Hongkong.

SAFETY IN NAVIGATION.

The Canadian Department of Mines and Fisheries has issued a report by Professor H. T. Barnes, of McGill University, on the influence of icebergs and land on the temperature of the sea, as shown by his microthermometer on a trip of the Montcalm in the Gulf of St. Lawrence and coast of Labrador, together with some notes on the use of the instrument on a trip across the Atlantic in the Victorian. Professor Barnes says there is little room for doubt that the real iceberg effect is a rise of temperature, and all the icebergs studied in his report showed a large warming influence and only an insignificant cooling effect. In explanation of this warming influence he points out that an iceberg, being composed of fresh water ice, produces by its melting fresh water, which is carried downwards by the convective action of the inflowing salt-water. The surface water has no tendency to sink on account of its horizontal motion, and in consequence all the heat radiated from the sun and sky, which is absorbed in this water, accumulates and is not dispersed by the sea water movements. Thus the water round the berg becomes warmer than the surrounding sea and produces the rise of temperature always observed first in approaching an iceberg. A cooling effect may be observed after the rise, but this is due not to the direct action of the ice, but to the fact that the berg is being carried along by a more rapid, and therefore a cooler, current. On the other hand the general effect of land is to lower the temperature of the sea, as is clearly proved by records taken in the Montcalm. The large effects produced by the coasts of Labrador and Newfoundland are so characteristic that ample use could be made of them to warn ships in time of fog of the proximity of the coast. Within a parallel to this coast of six miles the temperature drops so rapidly that the effect could not be mistaken by a navigator, while the entrance through the eastern mouth of the strait shows no such drop. Hence a ship making the strait in a fog could be sure of avoiding the rocks of the coast so long as the temperature was not dropping rapidly. Professor Barnes thinks that if the practical data he presents count for anything, navigators are at last provided with a sure and safe method of avoiding the chances of shipwreck which have hitherto confronted them on the St. Lawrence route.—"Times."

Tropical Medicine.

Sir John Ramsden has sent £1,000 to the fund for the extension of the London School of Tropical Medicine.

MARKET PRICES.

Hongkong, April 24, 1913.

BUTCHER MEAT. 肉食

		Cts.	
Beef Sirloin & Prime Cut,—Mei Lung Pa	lb.	18	尾腰扒
" Corned,—Ham Ngau Yuk	"	18	鹹牛肉
" Roast,—Shiu "	"	18	肉
" Breast,—Ngau Lam "	"	12	牛腩
" Soup,—Tong Yuk "	"	15	
" Steak,—Ngau Yuk Pa	"	18	牛肉粗
" do. —Sirloin Cotom—Ngan Lau	"	28	牛柳
" Sausages,—Ngau Chaung	"	20	牛腸
Bullock's Brains— " Know	per set	9	牛腦
" Tongue fresh,—NgaLi u	each	45	牛腦
" " corned,—Ham Ngan Li	"	55	鹹牛利
" Head,—Ngau Tan	"	60	頭
" Heart,—Ngau Sum	"	12	牛
" Hump, Salt,—Ngau Kin	"	15	牛肩
" Feet,—Ngau Kask	"	8	牛
" Kidneys,—Ngau Yi	"	9	牛腰
" Tail,—Ngau Mei	"	18	牛尾
" Liver,—Ngau Kon	lb.	12	牛肝
" Tripe (undressed),—Ngau To	"	6	牛肚
Calve Head & Feet,—Ngau-chai-tau-kark	set	$1	牛仔頭脚
Mutton Chop,—Yeung Pei Kwat	lb.	25	羊牌骨
" Leg,—Yeung Pei	"	25	比
" Shoulder,—Yeung Shau	"	22	手
Pigs Chitlings,—Chu Chong	"	24	猪
" Brains,—Chu Know	per set	2	豬腦
" Feet,—Chu Kark	lb.	12	
" Fry,—Chu Chak	"	30	豬
" Head,—Chu Tau	"	18	豬
" Heart,—Chu Sum	each	10	豬心
" Kidneys,—Chu Yiu	"	7	豬
" Liver,—Chu Con	lb	24	豬肝
Pork, Chop,—Chu Pai Kwat	"	23	豬排
" Corned,—Ham Chu Yuk	"	—	鹹骨
" Leg,—Chu Pe	"	25	
" Fat or Lard,—Chu Yau	"	22	豬
Sheep Head and Feet,—Ye Tau Kark	set	65	頭
" Heart,—Yeung Sum	each	7	心
" Kidneys,—Yeung Yiu	"	9	腰
" Liver,—Yeung Con	lb.	25	肝
Sucking Pigs, To Order—Chu Cha	"	22	仔
Suet, Beef—Sang Ngau Yau	"	18	生牛油
" Mutton,—Sang Yeung Yau	"	25	生 油
Veal,—Ngau Chai Yuk	"	18	仔牛肉
" Sausages,—Ngau Chai Chaung	"	26	牛仔腸

POULTRY. 雞鴨

		Cts	
Chicken,—Kai Chai	lb	34	嘅仔雞
Capons, Large, Small,—Sin Kai	"	32	
Ducks,—Ap	"	22	
Doves,—Pan Kau	each	—	鴿
Eggs, Hen—Kai Tan	per doz.	22	蛋
Fowls, Canton,—Kai	lb	38	雞
" Hainan,—Hoi-Nam-Kai	"	34	海南雞
Geese,—Ngoi	"	24	鵝
Geese, Wild S'hai,—Shang-ho Yea Ngoi			上海野鵝
Musk Deer,—Wong Keng	each	—	黃麞
Hare, Shanghai,—Tu Chai	"	—	兎仔
Partridge,—Che Khoo	"	70	鷓鴣
Pheasant,—Shan Kai	pair $	—	山雞
Pigeons, Canton,—Pak Kup	each	34	白鴿
" Hoihow,—Hoi How Pak Kup	"	30	單口白鴿
Quail,—Um-Chun	"	20	鵪鶉
Rice Birds,—Wo Fa Cheul	dozen	—	禾花雀
Snipe,—Sa-Choy	each	20	沙錐公
Turkeys, Cock—Phor Kai Kung	lb.	65	火
" Hen, " " Na	"	45	火
Wild Ducks, S'hai—Shang hoi Sui Ap	" $	—	上海水鴨
Teal,—Sui Ap Chai,	"	75	水鴨仔
Wild Ducks Canton—Sang-Shing Sui Ap	" $	—	減水鴨

FISH. 海鮮

		Cts.	
Barbel,—Ka Yu	lb	7	
Bream,—Bin Yu	"	15	扁魚
Canton Fresh Water Fish,—Hoi Sin Yu	"	15	海魚
Carp,—Li Yu	"	18	鯉魚
Catfish,—Chik Yu	"	17	赤魚
Codfish,—Mun Yu	"	13	鱈魚
Crabs,—Hai	"	28	蟹
Cuttle Fish,—Muk Yu	"	12	墨斗魚
Dab,—Sa Mang Yu	"	14	沙盲魚
Dace,—Wong Mei Lun	"	8	黃尾貢
Dog Fish—Tit Tu Sa	"	7	跌倒沙
Eels, Congor,—Hoi Mann	"	14	海鰻
" Fresh water,—Tam Sin Yu	"	15	淡水魚
Eels, Yellow,—Wong Sin	"	24	黃鱔
Frogs,—Tien Kai	"	32	
Garoupa,—Sek Pan	"	60	石班魚
Gudgeon,—Pak Kup Yu	"	11	白鮫魚
Herrings,—Tso Pak	"	14	甲魚
Halibut,—Cheung Kwan Kup	"	24	脚花
Labrus,—Wong Fa Yu	"	14	
Loach,—Wu Yu	"	24	鳥魚鱔
Lobsters,—Lung Ha	"	30	蝦魚白魚
Mackerel,—Chi Yu	"	15	魚鯖魚
Monk Fish,—Mong Yu	"	20	老實魚
Mullet,—Chai Yu	"	25	鯔魚
Oysters,—Sang Hoo	"	22	生蚝
Parrotfish,—Kai Kung Yu	"	16	鯉魚
Perch,—Tau Loo	"	14	鯽魚
Pike,—Fa Paw Poong	"	7	花鮫
Plaice,—Pan Yu	"	17	扁魚
Pomfret, Black,—Hak Chong	"	15	黑
Pomfret, White,—Pak Chong	"	22	白
Prawns,—Ming Ha	"	30	明蝦
Ray—Pai Pa Sa	"	7	白鰽沙
Rock Fish,—Sek Ka Kung	"	12	
Rock—Chau Yu	"	8	
Salmon,—Ma Yau Y	lb.	14	鯖
Shark,—Sa Yu	"	8	
Skate,—Po Yu	"	9	魚
Shrimps,—Ha	"	28	蝦
Snapper,—Lap Yu	"	16	立魚
Soles,—Tat Sa Yu	"	16	沙魚
Tench,—Wan Yu	"	17	鯇魚
Turbot,—Cho How Yu	"	16	左口魚
Turtles, small, fresh water,—Kork Yu	"	60	脚魚
White Bait,—Ngau Yu Chai	"	—	魚仔

FRUITS. 菓子

		Cts.	
Almonds,—Hung Yau	lb.	28	杏仁
Apples (California)—Kam San Ping Kho	"	20	金生平果
" (Chefoo)—Tin Chun Ping Kho	"	—	天津平果
" Small,—Hoi Tong	"	—	海棠
" Custard,—Fan Lai Chi	each	—	番 枝
Bananas, fragrant, Canton,—San Shing Heung Chiu	lb.	4	城香蕉
" (brides), Macao,—San Heung Chiu	"	3	山香蕉
Chestnuts, Chinese,—Foong Lut	"	15	風栗
Carambola,—Yeung Tue	"	—	楊桃
Cocoanuts,—Yeh Tse	each	12	椰子
Lemons, China,—Ning Moong	lb	6	山檸檬
" America,—Kum San Ning Moon	"	8	金山枝檸
Lichees Dried,—Lai Chi, small Stone	"	28	荔
" Fresh,	"	12	貢
Limes, (Saigon)—Sai Kung Ning Moong	each	—	西貢芒果
Mango, Manila,—Lui Sung Mong	"	12	呂宋
Mangosteens,—San Chuk Tse	"	20	山竹子
Oranges, (Canton)—San-shing Tim Ching	doz	—	
" Sweet	lb	8	廣 橙
Pears, (American),—Kam San Shoot Lay	"	—	山梨
" (Canton), Cooking,—Sa Lay	"	—	金山枝梨
Peanuts,—Fa Sang	"	12	城
Persimmons Large,—Hung Chie	"	10	
Pine-apples, 1st quality,—Poon Ti Paw Law	each	" 10	紅
" 2nd " —Chung-tang Paw Law	"	8	本地菠蘿
Plantain,—Tai Cheu	"	—	中等菠蘿
Plums,—Swatow, Hung Lai	lb	—	大蕉
Pumelo, Siam,—Chim Lo Yau	"	—	紅梨
" Shanghai,—Lo Kwat	each	18	暹羅柚
Walnuts,—Hop Tuo	"	—	上海胡桃
" Green,—Sang Hop Tuo	lb	13	合桃
Water Melon,—(Am.) Kom San Sai Kwa	each	14	生合西瓜
" (China) Sai Kwa	"	—	山西瓜
Grapes,—Sang Po Tai Tse	lb	30	生番提子

VEGETABLES, &c. 菜蔬

Artichokes, Shanghai,—Sheung-hoi Ah Chi Cheuk	lb	6	丁治竹
Beans, (French), Macao,—Oh Moou Pin Tau	"	14	澳門通豆
" (French) Shanghai,—Sheung Hai Pin Tau	"	—	上海意通
" Sprout,—Ah Cho	"	5	芽菜
" Long,—Tau Ko	"	—	豆角
Beet Root,—Hung Choi Tau	each	5	紅菜頭
Brinjals, Green,—Ching Yuan	"	6	青 茄
" Red,—Hung Ker	"	6	紅茄
Cabbage, Chinese, com,—Kai Choy	"	10	芥菜
Cabbage Red,—Hung Yea Choy	"	16	紅椰菜
Cabbage, Shanghai,—Yeh Choi	"	12	菜
Cane Shoots, bunch,—Kau Shun	lb.	—	原笋
Cauliflower, Large size,—Tai Yeh Cho Fa	each	—	大椰菜花
" Medium size,—Cheung Yeh Cho Fa	"	—	中椰菜花
" Small size,—Sai Yen Choi Fa	"	—	細椰菜花
Carrots,—Kam Shum	lb.	6	金笋
Celery, Chinese,—Tong Kan Choi	"	6	唐芹菜
" English,—Yeung Kan Choi	"	6	洋芹菜
Chillies Dried,—Gon Lat Chiu	"	25	乾辣椒
" Red,—Hung Far Chiu	"	15	紅花
" Green,—Ching Lat Chiu	"	10	青
Curry Stuff, English,—Kar Lee Chu Liu	"	10	咖喱粉
Cucumbers,—Ching Kwa	"	6	青瓜
Bitter Squash,—Fu Kwa	"	10	苦瓜
Garlic,—Que Tau	"	8	蒜頭
Ginger, young,—Sun Tse Keung	"	6	新子
" old,—Lo Keung	"	8	老
Horse Radish, Shanghai,—Lik Kan	"	15	力根
Indian Corn,—Suk Mai	each	5	粟米
Lettuce,—Yeung Sang Choi	"	1	洋生菜
Water Chesnuts,—Ma Tai	lb.	6	馬蹄
" Mandarin,—Kwai Lum Ma Tai	"	8	桂林馬蹄
Mushrooms, Fresh,—Sang Cho Koo	"	—	生草菰
Mush Melon, Amer.—Kam-san Hong Kwa	each	12	金山
Okroes	lb	10	
Onions Bombay,—Yeung Chong Tau	"	8	洋蔥頭
" Green,—Sang Chong	"	6	生蔥頭
" Shanghai,—Shang-hoi Chong Tau	"	—	上海蔥頭
Papaya, 1st qual.,—Tai Man Sau Kua	each	10	大英洲瓜
" 2nd " Chung	"	8	中英洲瓜
Paraley,—Kun Cho	"	6	芫荽
Green Peas,—Ching Tau	lb.	8	青豆
Potatoe, Sweet,—Fan Shu	"	8	番薯仔
" Shanghai,—Shang-hoi Shu Tsa	"	—	上海番仔
" Japan,—Yut Poon Shu Tsa	"	3	日本番仔
" American,—Fa Ki Shu Tsa	"	8	花
" Foochow,—Foo-chow Shu Tsai	"	3	福州
Pumpkin,—Tong Kwa	"	3	冬瓜仔
Radish,—Hung Lo Pak Tsai	"	4	紅蘿白
Rhubarb (Fresh),—Tai Wong	"	16	大黃
Sage,—Tse So	"	—	菜蘇
Shallots,—Gon Chung Tau	"	5	蔥
Spinach,—Yin Choi	"	5	
Tomatoes,—Fan Ker	"	6	
Taros,—Wu Tau	"	5	
Turnips Punti, (Long),—Lo Pak	"	3	蘿蔔
" English,—Yeung Lo Pak	"	12	蘿蔔
Vegetable Marrow,—Chit Kwa	"	6	蘿蔔
" (American),—Kam-san Chit Kwa	"	—	蘿蔔
Water Cress,—Sai Yeung Cho	lb	12	蘿蔔
" Lily root,—Lin Ngau	"	12	蓮
Yams,—Tu Shu	"	5	薯

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THE BALKAN CRISIS.

Despite all attempts to bring the conflicting elements into harmony, the Balkan War still drags wearily along. One day the prospects of peace take on a rosy hue; the next some fresh development of the crisis renders the outlook gloomier still. And so the process goes on, hope alternating with despair in quarters where peace is being labouriously sought. The rival Armies have almost fought themselves to a standstill; the participating countries are impoverished to a degree which has brought each to the verge of bankruptcy. It is, moreover, only too obvious that the fall of Skutari has yet further complicated the situation, threatening to drag the Great Powers into the bitter quarrel. Add to this the regrettable springing up of jealousies among the Allies themselves, and the conviction grows apace that the day of a final readjustment of differences is yet far distant.

The present crisis, as everybody well knows, had been brewing for many years, and the allies had carefully prepared for the inevitable day of battle. Well did they know that when the hour came, enormous sacrifices in men and money would have to be made, though it may be doubted whether they expected the struggle to be so protracted or the cost so great. It has been a long day of trial, especially to Bulgaria, faced with the task of furnishing an army of close on 400,000 men out of a total population of about 4,000,000. What this has meant to the country's industrial activity is astounding. Scarcely a workman is left or a factory open, and no work is going on except what is absolutely necessary to furnish the means to live. In Sofia no-one is to be seen in the streets, with the exception of women, children and old men. Father and sons are away at the war, fighting side by side in the same regiment, for Bulgaria has adopted the territorial system for her recruits. And the cost—to Bulgaria alone it has meant the rendering up of somewhere about 70,000 lives. This splendid bone and sinew of the nation has been lost to a country which counted on much of it to help build up the Great Bulgaria of to-morrow. But in spite of the enormous sacrifices which have been made and which may yet be demanded in the future, it is impossible, so says one of their leading statemen, to shake the confidence of the Bulgarians in the future of their country.

It is a bitter struggle, and how it will end up no-one knows. We may hope and long for peace, but where the ramifications are so marked, peace must ever be elusive. Coincident with this crisis there comes from the United States a revival of the plea for disarmament and eventual universal peace. But the affairs of the past few months must surely have shown that, where national feelings run high, the forces of diplomacy can make small headway. When, too, those feelings have long been pent up, as is the case here, the crash [illegible] notwithstanding.

Purer Tea.

The adoption of new standards of tea by the Treasury Department of the United States should give the tea producers of China something to think about. A higher degree of purity than before will be demanded in the coming year, and a rigid inspection will be enforced under the new standards. That should prove a good thing for the drinkers of tea in the United States, and no bad thing for the tea producers in China. It will mean the expenditure of money, no doubt, either in overhauling their present apparatus or in the purchase of new apparatus, but the better goods a man is forced to sell, or the better work he is set to do, the better it is for the man himself. He is immediately lifted out of a rut and made more active and eager and energetic. The same holds in the case of a hundred or a thousand men, and, if other moves of a similar nature were adopted they would probably do China a deal of good. The China tea trade of former years was enormous, but this trade has for a long time past been dwindling away, whilst the Indian and Ceylon market has been forging ahead, replacing the Chinese product. With these added restrictions, we fear, the trade will dwindle still more rapidly than it otherwise would. China should foster her tea industry very carefully; it has been a very important article of her past and would if properly cared for, be capable of providing the country with a large revenue.

A Commendable Scheme.

Just while we are on the matter of business dealings, by the way, it may be remarked that the American Consulate General in Hongkong is doing a useful work in promoting connections between Hongkong importers and the manufacturers and exporters of the United States. It is issuing, from time to time, a list of American concerns with which Hongkong importers are invited to correspond. In thus promoting business relations between Hongkong and America, the Consulate General is doing a worthy service. The second list lies before us as we write. In it, American firms offer agencies for typewriters, refrigerators, marine engines and motor boats, safes and automobiles, among other things. These lists are sent to any business man in Hongkong who expresses a wish to have them, and it would be useful, when the scheme has operated for some time, to learn how much good it has accomplished.

The Chinese Loan.

It will be observed from a special cable to the "Telegraph" that the big loan to China has at last been fixed up and the contract duly signed. This must give cause for general satisfaction, since it is the want of money which has delayed the inauguration of that long-awaited period of new development on industrial lines, throughout the length and breadth of the land. We had always held the view that, in the end, China would have to come back to the International Group for the wherewithal, and though the process of arrangement has been laboured and protracted, we venture to think that the new Republic will find the conditions imposed, as much to her own advantage as to that of the lenders. It is a thousand times to be regretted, now that the parties have come to agreement, that the extremists in Peking desire to make the question one of party wrangling. The threat is that, unless Parliament is consulted on the matter, the South will secede from the North. We are surprised that Dr. Sun should give his weight to the suggestion, and we still wonder when the new political leaders will perceive the supreme need of putting their country's welfare far above the interests of party.

Shanghai Municipal Loan of 1913.

The Shanghai Municipal Council announces in the Municipal Gazette that applications amounting to Tls. 565,300 have been received in response to Notification No. 2204, and allotments to the full amount of the new 5½ per cent. loan, namely, Tls. 500,000, have been made, under the direction of the Finance Committee, at par.

DAY BY DAY.

It is so difficult in life to live up to one's posters or to be worthy of one's headlines.

The Mails.

Canadian Mail.—Despatched per s.s. Empress of Japan at 6 p.m. on Saturday.

Siberian Mail.—Despatched per Empress of Japan at 6 p.m. on Saturday.

German Mail.—Closes per s.s. Luetzow at 9 a.m. to-morrow.

American Mail.—Closes per s.s. Shinyo Maru at 11 a.m. to-morrow.

Siberian Mail.—Closes per s.s. Shinyo Maru at 11 a.m. to-morrow.

Ascension Day.

On Thursday 1st May (Ascension Day) Divine Service will be held in St. Joseph's Church at 9 a.m.

The s.s. Hue.

On enquiry to-day we learn that no further news is to hand concerning the stranded French steamer Hue.

General Anderson Returns.

By the s.s. Anhui, Major General Anderson returned from Shanghai to-day, being accompanied by Capt. De Brock, A.D.C.

County Dinner.

The first annual dinner of the Northumberland and Durham Association took place on Saturday evening at the Hongkong Hotel.

Ping Shan Affair.

Further evidence in the Ping Shan alleged attempted armed robbery, was taken by Mr. Hazeland at the Police Court this afternoon.

Confidence Trick.

A farmer after selling his rice for $260, was relieved of it by means of some confidence trick workers who met him in Connaught Road West.

Carrying Letters.

A man named Wong Kui was charged before Mr. C. D. Melbourne, at the Police Court, this afternoon, with bringing unstamped letters into the Colony. Ignorance of the law was pleaded. A fine $25 was imposed.

Returned from Banishment.

A man who returned from banishment fell foul of Sergeant Brown, at Yaumati, and at the Police Court, this morning Mr. F. A. Hazeland sentenced him to six months' imprisonment and four hours' stocks.

Harbour Offender.

At the Marine Magistrate's Court, to-day before Commander Basil Taylor R. N., the master of a licensed passenger boat was fined $2 for plying for hire in a prohibited district, to wit east of the Harbour Office steps, on April 26.

Going Home.

Mr J. Blake, the popular night manager of the Victoria Theatre, goes Home with his wife and family, by the s.s. Nile on May 14. Mr Blake is taking a well-earned six months' holiday after fifteen years' continuous work with the Army Service Corps.

Chinese Engineering and Mining Co.

Messrs Dodwell and Company inform us that they are in receipt of a telegram from Tientsin stating that the Chinese Engineering & Mining Co. Ltd., London, have declared an interim dividend of 3½ per cent. (three and half per cent) free of tax on account of the year ending 30th June 1913, payable on 15th May next.

Messrs. Thoresen.

Messrs. Thoresen and Co. have ceased business in Shanghai and Mr. O. Thoresen will attend to the necessary liquidation of the firm. He now represents Det Oversoiske Compagnie, Christiania, and Messrs. Thoresen and Co., Hongkong, as agents for Shanghai in connection with Scandinavian shipping. Mr. Thoresen has also taken over the agency of Dahl's milk.

Benefit at the Bijou Theatre.

We would remind theatre-goers that Friday, May 2, is the date of the Benefit to be given, at the Bijou Theatre, to the Manager, Mr R. H. Stephenson. We understand that the booking is proceeding very favourably. Special items will be contributed by Miss Cecile Stephano, Miss Violet Bonetta, Mr Gonzales, Mr. Stephenson, and two well-known Hongkong amateurs.

HONGKONG NAVAL YARD.

Salary Grievances which Call for Abatement.

[Special Article.]

Much has been heard in Hongkong of late regarding the enhanced cost of living and its effect on the standard of wages of certain classes of the community. It has been pointed out that, while within the past decade or so there has been a sharp rise in the cost of the necessaries of life and also in house rentals, there has been no corresponding upward tendency in salaries. This, of course, means that practically all sections of workers have been hit; but with the fluctuation of the dollar, those paid on a sterling basis have had by far the most serious grievance. Quite recently the civil servants in Government employ here have secured a consideration of their case, and though they have not got all they wished for, it is undoubtedly the case that they are much better off under the new arrangement than they were hitherto. But there is another section of the community here which still has its grievance—the European employees in the Royal Naval Dockyard. These men—and they number well over 150—are suffering a distinct hardship under present conditions, as will be shown later.

The Main Points.

It has to be borne in mind that the European staffs at the Naval Yard are paid on a sterling basis in dollars, but not at the current rate of exchange of the dollar. The rate of the dollar is fixed every quarter, and during the past three years the tendency has been constantly to increase it, with the result that the recipients, when pay-day comes round, find they are getting less and less dollars each month. To take an example. Three years ago the dollar stood at 1s 8d, so that for every sovereign of salary $12 was paid. To-day for every sovereign a man earning the same salary only gets $9.60. Nor does it end there. In the Yard there are quite a number of men who have had increases of salary within the last two or three years; yet, because of the present system, they are to-day receiving from $40 to $50 per month less than they were when first they came to the Colony! Here it may be observed that if the salaries were even paid on the basis of the current rate of the dollar, instead of at the "Admiralty rate", the Yard staff would be far better off than at present. For, while until the last few days the "outside" rate of the dollar has been around 1s. 11d, that of the Admiralty has been fixed at 2s. 1d. Even at the highest point the dollar has touched of late, the Naval Yard staff has been 7-8d on the wrong side.

An Advantage Disallowed.

In days gone by a method was resorted to by which the hardship was partially overcome. Those who cared to do so, took up their pay in sterling by way of cheque payable on the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank in London, the cheques being discounted by the Bank here at the current rate of the dollar. This, of course, meant that by buying dollars at the Bank, more were obtained per sovereign than from the Naval Yard cashier. But even this little advantage has now been taken away, for the Admiralty has sent out orders stating that men may not remit money to the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank in London unless they have a genuine current account there. This, the Admiralty pointed out, was in pursuance of an overlooked rule stating that remittances were not to be forwarded to London for the purpose of gaining "any local advantage." The men still hold that it would only be common fairness to them, seeing they are paid on a sterling basis, if they were given a cheque in gold made payable here in Hongkong. Those who are affected have not stopped at grumbling: they have taken active steps to secure a remedying of their undoubted grievances. Representations have been made to the Admiralty for an increase of 75 per cent. in the Allowances, but the first of these petitions met with no success, the reply being that no increases could be made at present. Since that time, a further petition has been sent Home asking for a reconsideration of the decision, and pointing out that Government servants in the Colony had been granted substantial increments all round owing to the increased cost of living and the enhanced rentals. That is the position at present, and hopes are entertained that the request will soon meet with success.

When the details of the Far Eastern votes under the Naval Estimates came to hand a few days ago, it was observed that there were increases under almost every head, but on examination it was found that this was due to the fluctuation of the dollar and also to the regular annual increments of certain men. The old grievance still remains. It is sincerely to be hoped, however, that grounds for dissatisfaction will soon be removed. The men affected are doing a valuable work in the scheme of Imperial affairs, and it is an anomaly which ought surely to be righted that many of them, in spite of "rises", are to-day receiving less money than they were when first they came East, while all the time the cost of living has been steadily on the increase.

HONGKONG WEDDING.

A very interesting choral wedding took place on Saturday afternoon, at the Union Church, when Mr. Herbert Griffin of "Oldsloe" Austin Road, Kowloon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Griffin, of Dulwich, London, was married to Miss Constance Helen Pearce, daughter of the Rev. T. W. Pearce of the London Mission, Bonham Road.

The church was choicely decorated with flowers and palms for the occasion, and a large congregation was present at the ceremony. The bride, who was given away by her brother Mr. T. E. Pearce, looked charming in a dress of white soft satin, with pearl trimming, and veil canopied a wreath of orange blossom.

Misses Eileen Bonnar and Margery McGregor were the bridesmaids, and Masters W. Nicholson and Benjamin Humphreys bore the bride's train. The service was conducted by the father of the bride, the Rev T. Pearce, and he was assisted by the Rev. K. Maconachie. Mr. C. Hickling performed the duties of best man; and as the happy couple left the church Mendelssohn's "Wedding March" was played on the organ by Mr. E. J. Chapman.

Afterwards a reception was held at the residence of the father, where a large number of friends had an opportunity of congratulating the couple and of examining the numerous gifts which testify to the esteem in which Mr. and Mrs. Griffin are held in Hongkong. In the evening they left for England, via America, for the honey moon, by the s.s. Empress of India. Mr. and Mrs. Griffin are to be away about a year, the bridegroom having leave of absence during that period.

EDISON KINETOPHONE.

The first public exhibition of the Edison Kinetophone is to take place to-night at 9 p.m., and it is safe to predict that Hongkong theatre goers will be startled by the life-like reproductions of synchronized motions and sounds.

Figures move and talk, dogs run and bark, whole operas are acted and sung. The excellent of the invention must be seen to be believed; it cannot adequately be imagined.

ALLEGED ASSAULT ON LUKONG.

A Chinese was charged before Mr. C. D. Melbourne, at the Police Court, this morning, with assaulting a lukong at the Juvenile sports, at Causeway Bay, on Saturday. It was stated that the lukong was keeping the crowd off the sports area. The defendant resented being pushed back and struck the lukong. After a struggle the defendant was taken to the station.

Mr. Johnson, of Messrs. Johnson Stokes and Master, defended and applied for a remand. A week's remand was granted.

Austrian Lloyd Dividend.

In usually well-informed financial circles, says a Vienna correspondent, the annual dividend to be declared by the Austrian Lloyd in respect of 1912 is expected to approximate 27 kronen.

AT SKEKWAN YESTERDAY.

The Feast of the Goddess of Heaven.

Thousands of Chinese, and not a few Europeans, made their way to Skekwan, yesterday, the former to join in the feast of the Goddess of Heaven, and the Europeans to watch the celebration. By steamers, launches and even junks the crowds were conveyed to the scene, and and a memorable sight was witnessed. From the shore to the Joss House were long bridges of bamboo and during the day one of the specially constructed wharves collapsed, owing to the enormous strain up on it and twenty or more Chinese were precipitated into the water, five of them being drowned.

The square in the Joss House was a roaring furnace of papers, joss sticks and crackers; and Chinese, particularly women, got as near to the fire-surrounded Gods as they possibly could, and bowed their head to the ground whilst they wailed their repentance for the errors of the past, and sought by promises of mended ways, to secure favours from the Gods.

Whilst the devout prayed, others picked pockets, and the lepers petitioned for cumshaw. The blind, the crippled, and the shams lined the route and with weird and melancholy wails laid before the pilgrims to the great shrine, their claims for assistance. The numerous stalls selling joss pictures, sticks, crackers and food, if such it could be called, did a roaring trade, and one man with a lemonade stall was so pressed as the people emerged from the smoking circus, stifled and half blind, that his assistant was busy ladling the filthy water from the paddy field over crystals which appeared to hide their lustre as a reproach for the abuse. All manner of food was carried to the temple, but it came back again, whether the Gods cared for it or not.

Chinese, in American cut clothes, looked on for a while detached from the old custom, but after a few moment they yielded to the temptation and threw joss-sticks to the gods like their long-coated and old fashioned brethren. Last year it was stated that there would be no more ceremonies at Shekwan. The ceremonies at Shekwan look like continuing for years after the present generation has passed away.

The Chinese who chartered the "Charles Hardouin" for the days over which the festival extends, paid twelve hundred dollars for the privilege, and it is said that he made the amount in fares the first day. Yesterday the fares must have amounted to a similar sum, and there is yet to-day and probably to-morrow to go.

NEED OF A REFORMATORY.

Comments on the Logan Case.

Touching the sentence imposed on T. Logan, the "N C. Daily News" says:—The proceedings in the Police Court have an unusually pathetic aspect. At the very outset of his career, Logan is branded for life as a gaol-bird on a charge which is not of a kind to be easily lived down. The fault, of course, is not wholly his. More than once the Bench has had occasion to remark on the easiness of the credit which, as in this case, allows a mere boy to run up hundreds of dollars worth of debt without apparently much investigation as to his ability to repay. But neither the magnitude of the temptation nor the prisoner's youth can palliate the heinousness of the crime. The magistrate was undoubtedly right in the sentence that he passed. It is necessary to make a striking example of such cases. At the same time attention may be drawn to the suggested need of a reformatory. We sincerely hope that the idea will bear fruit. A boy of seventeen is not necessarily to be condemned for ever because his sense of moral responsibility needs awakening. It were well indeed that such a one could be given a chance of becoming a useful citizen.

SPECIAL CABLES.

THE QUINTUPLE LOAN.

AGREEMENT SIGNED.

[Our Own Correspondent.]
Shanghai, April 28.

The Quintuple Loan was signed on Saturday at midnight. The terms are as already published, and China receives £2,000,000 immediately.

The Kuomingtang Party tried to stop the signature, and demanded the consent of Parliament.

President Yuan Shih-kai replied that there was urgent need of money; and the bankers said they were dealing with the Government and not with political parties.

Secession Threatened.

It is reported that Dr. Sun Yat-sen has officially represented to the Government that the South will secede from the North if Parliament is not consulted.

CHINESE MURDER PLOT.

EXCITEMENT IN THE NORTH.

[Our Own Correspondent.]
Shanghai, April 28.

The North is much fomented over the revelations concerning the murder of Mr. Sung.

WAS IT PLAGUE?

The Chinese who was remanded on Saturday on charges concerning the removal of two bodies at Shaukiwan, without permission and failing to notify an infectious disease, was fined $100 or in default two months' imprisonment by Mr. Hazeland at the Police Court, this morning, on the charge of "failing to report the deaths." His Worship said those cases were serious because it was obvious from the defendant's statement that the sole reason there was no report made was because they objected to the place being disinfected.

Mr. Tratman, Head of the Sanitary Department, said the defendant admitted that and he would like to call his Worship's attention to the fact that the business was still going on and any penalty on the defendant would be refunded by the principal offender. He had intimated that he wished to add a further charge, but he regretted to say he could not prove plague as the bodies were too decomposed.

NICELY ARRANGED.

World-Walker's Adventure In Hongkong.

Men who undertake to walk round the world for a wager do not expect to complete their world circling without incident. When Louis Robmeyer, a German, who is attempting the feat came to Hongkong he was attacked and a ricksha coolie was brought before Mr C. D. Melbourne, at the Police Court, this morning, and charged with stealing $10 from the pocket of complainant.

Complainant said he engaged the defendant to drive him to the Victoria Theatre, but he was taken to Morrison Hill Gap Road, where, on a sign made by the ricksha coolie, two other men came from the roadside and held him, while his pockets were searched and the money stolen. The ricksha coolie dropped the shafts and bolted, but he (complainant) chased him and captured him. He afterwards handed him over to the police.

When at the station Sergeant Pitt asked the defendant for his ricksha licence, he could not produce one. Nothing was found on him when he was searched.

Sergeant Pitt stated that it seemed to have been arranged. Prisoner took another man's ricksha and agreed with the other men to rob a passenger. He had no licence.

A sentence of one month's hard labour and four hours' stocks, was passed.

ALICE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL.

The Hon. Treasurer of the Alice Memorial and Affiliated Hospitals begs to acknowledge with thanks the following donation to the funds of the Hospitals:—

Nestle and Anglo-Swiss Condensed Milk Co. ... $100

DAY OF PRAYER.

Special Intercession for the Chinese Nation.

Yesterday was observed as a day of special intercession for the Chinese nation, in Hongkong Churches, at the request of the Peking Government, and at both Matins and Evensong special prayers were said, and in the afternoon at St. John's Cathedral a special service for Chinese was held, which was crowded to the utmost, hundreds being unable to obtain seats.

The prayers used throughout the Anglican churches were as follow:—

For the Chinese Government.

O Lord, our Governor, Father of the all men and Supreme Ruler of all ages, Whose will is manifested in the history of the nations, show forth Thy power in the Chinese nations now in this time of re-construction. Inspire the people with right ideals, and move them to seek after them according to Thy laws. Direct into the way of Thy truth the minds of those that rule and lead. Save them from pride and prejudice, from ignorance and self-seeking. Vouchsafe to bless their consultations, that all things may be so ordered and settled by their endeavours, upon the best and surest foundation, that peace and happiness, truth and justice, religion and piety may be established in China for all generations. And this we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.—Amen.

For The Chinese People.

Lord of Heaven and Earth, who hast preserved and multiplied the Chinese people throughout many centuries, and art now directing their hearts towards the fear of Thy great Name, hear their prayers, forgive their sins, cleanse their consciences, enlighten their understanding, and bring them to a saving knowledge of their Saviour Christ our Lord.—Amen.

For the Chinese Church.

Grant O. Lord, we beseech Thee, that the course of China may be so peaceably ordered and governed that Thy Church in this land may joyfully serve Thee in all godly quietness, through Jesus Christ our Lord.—Amen.

At Matins in the Cathedral, the Rev. A. N. Pope, of St. Andrew's Church Kowloon, said they were confronted with a wonderful appeal to the Christian Church for prayer for China. It was possible, they were not smitten by a passionate love for the Chinese; they might judge the nation by a few specimens which they looked upon as typical, but if they followed the example of the Master, they would love the Chinese. That nation needed money, and education, but above all it needed prayer, and if they loved the Chinese they must pray for them.

What was the Meaning?

At Evensong, the preacher was the Very Rev. Archdeacon Barnett, who chose as his text "When they had prayed, the place was shaken, where they had assembled together", speaking of the absence of signs at the present day the Rev. Mr. Barnett said that while God was prodigal of his gifts, he was not wasteful. They had been asked, he said, by the Chinese Government to offer their prayers on behalf of China, its rulers and its people. Many were asking what had been the meaning of the request; was it only a mere ruse to obtain sympathy? They should regard the request from a Christian standpoint. A non-Christian government was asking for the prayers of Christians. It might be that the motives of all might not be of the purest; equally, it was impossible to accept the pessimistic view, that the object of the Chinese in making the request, was purely mercenary. If their faith—the faith of Christendom,—were of any value in the sight of God then must he answer to those prayers which started rising with the sun and still would be ascending with the sun's rising of the morrow. No sincere prayer could ever pass unheeded. Was it too much to believe that God would do a great thing today, that he would shake China, and lift it into brotherhood of the nations?

Union Church.

At the Union Church yesterday the Rev. Kirk Maconachie, preaching from Isaiah 6, VII, said that that day was likely to stand out in the future history of the church, and it might influence not a little the story of the nations. The day had been appointed by a ready and general consent as a day of prayer in the Christian Church, on behalf of China, at the request of certain of her leading statesmen. A short time ago, such a thing would have been deemed incredible. The appointment of a day of prayer, suggested several points for remark. The first was that more than a political revolution had taken place in China seeing that it was possible that men reputed to be Christians, should be in such positions in the government as to advise an appeal for a day of prayer by fellow believers. Another significant point was that the appeal for Christian prayer, was as far as could be seen without any opposition from among the leaders of the masses of the people. Dealing with the heartiness and alacrity with which the prayer had been granted, the preacher claimed that it indicated the sincere goodwill to China among the nations, and a sincere desire to see her overcome her many difficulties.

ALLEGED UNREGISTERED CLUB.

Lawyer and Registrar General Differ.

At the Police Court this afternoon, Mr. Melbourne resumed the hearing of a charge of keeping an unregistered club which was preferred against a Chinese, by the Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax, Registrar General. Mr. F.X.D'Almada, defended.

Tsz Lui Shun said he was the managing partner of Man Sing Hing, and was one of the proprietors of the U. Lau Club. The share capital he subscribed was $500. He did not know how many members there were as he rarely went to the club. The club was a social one and witness never even read the papers there.

By the Hon. Mr. Hallifax:—There were no regulations in the Club. His reason for joining it was not merely for social benefits. The club was not a political one. He bought shares in the club because he could get his evening meal there cheaper than elsewhere—$1 a meal.

Registrar General:—How often did you go?—Four or five times.

So you paid $500 for shares in the club so as to have four or five meals at $1 each?—Well, there was a commission on "Ma Chuk" when it was played there.

Who took the commission?—It was taken when friends went there to play.

Did you expect to get much dividend?—I did it to encourage gambling.

Mr D'Almada:—Ma Chuk.

Registrar General:—I don't know if your Worship has noticed these constant interruptions, by Mr D'Almada. He (witness) never mentioned Ma Chuk; he said gambling, and only mentioned Ma Chuk when it was put into his mouth by Mr D'Almada; I really must ask you to be quiet Mr D'Almada?

Mr D'Almada:—I certainly shall not.

The case was proceeding as we went to press.

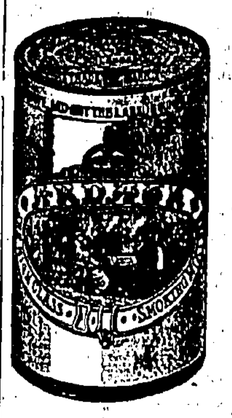
CONCERT AT KOWLOON.

An excellent concert was held in Kowloon British School on Friday night in aid of St. Andrew's Church furnishing fund. The schoolroom was packed and the concert proved a big success, both musically and financially. Most of the artistes have an established reputation locally, but word must be said of the debut of Miss Packham who proved herself the possessor of a very sweet voice.

The names of those who contributed to the programme are as follow:—Mrs Green, Miss White, Mrs Goldsmith, Miss Douglas, Miss Anderson, Miss Main, and Messrs R. E. White W. Anderson, S. Grey, J. Allen, W. Brown, J. Smith, M. D. Silas, W. B. Cawsey, Major A. L. Barrett, with Miss Robson and Mr H. W. White as accompanists.

Colonel Seely's Promise

Colonel Seely has promised "full consideration" to a suggestion by Mr. Allan Sykes that military aeroplanes should be sent to the Territorial camps.



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Court Sequel to the Big Fire of Last Year.

This morning in the Original Court, before the Chief Justice, Sir W. Rees Davies, K.C., and a special jury, the action was continued in which Chan Kau, a trader of 142 Hollywood Road, is suing Chan Woon Cheung and Chan Woon Man, of No. 47 Hanley St. The action is to recover the sum of $5000, as damages, for that the defendants, their servants and agents, in or about the months of June or July 1912, so negligently and unskilfully carried out certain building operations, to wit the building of a party wall, between the houses No. 19 and 21 Lower Lascar Row, and incidentally thereto shoring the front and rear walls of No. 19 Lower Lascar Row, the property of the plaintiff, as to bring about the fracture and settling of such front and rear walls of the said house, to the plaintiff's loss in the sum claimed.

Mr M. W. Slade, K. C., instructed by Mr Jackson, of Messrs Johnson, Stokes and Master, appeared for the plaintiff and Mr F. C. Jenkin, instructed by Mr Reader Harris, of Messrs Wilkinson and Grist, for the defence.

The jury was empanelled as follows:—Messrs F. Maitland, J. T. Douglas, H. P. White, M. Beattie, Ho Kum Tong, D. Haskell and F. C. Wilford.

Mr. A. H. Wright, who, Mr. Jenkin said came from the Building Authority, on subpœna, asked whether there were no fee for his coming there. He would like to point out that he had been brought there against his will. He was not interested in the case at all; the goverment was not interested in it, and he would like to have the point settled if he might.

Mr. Jenkin said he had no objection, if there were any power to do so.

His Lordship was understood to say that he would enquire into the matter.

In a Bad Condition.

Mr. Wright said he saw the building after the fire, and notices were issued to other houses as well as Nos. 19 and 21 Lower Lascar Row. After sending the notice he inspected the No. 19, and also before sending it. There was a party wall between 19 and 21 that was in such a bad condition that he condemned it. The cross wall was bad, the front wall and the back walls were defective, but not, in his opinion, dangerous, so he did not condemn them. The walls of the house had been affected. He could not say how or to what extent, but, he could say generally they were affected. Subsequently he again visited the place, and saw that the plaintiff had not shored his house. It ought to have been shored; he called for it in his notice but did not insist on it. The neglect to shore had an effect on the walls of the house. It tended to their deterioration. The front wall was a very old wall. It had never been a first class wall, and after a fire, when it had been left to the action of wind and rain, it must have deteriorated. If the wall had not been shored for some months beyond May it would become dangerous. If was very difficult to say what would have happened if the shoring had not been put up in May.

A Dangerous Structure Notice.

On July 12 he issued a dangerous structure notice. The front wall seemed to be getting worse and at last, on a visit on July 11,

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To-day's Advertisements.

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having arrived from the above ports, Consignees of cargo by her are hereby informed that their goods are being landed at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained. Perishable Goods to be taken delivery of immediately.

All Claims must be sent to the Office of the undersigned before NOON on the 6th May, or they will not be recognized.

All Claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognized

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods, remaining undelivered after the 2nd May, will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods must be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 2nd May, at 9.30 a.m.

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All claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 26th prox., or they will not be recognised.

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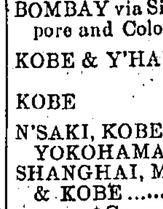

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Tjilatjap.....	JAPAN...	2nd half May.....	JAVA.....	2nd half May.
Tjimahi.....	JAPAN...	2nd half May.....	JAVA	2nd half May.
Tjitaroem ...	JAVA.....	2nd half May...	JAPAN.....	1st half June.
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PROPOSED SAILING FROM HONGKONG. (Subject to alteration)

Steamer	Tons	Captain	Date of Sailing
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S.S. "Chiyo Maru"	...22,000...	W.W. Greene.....	May 27th ,,
S.S. "Nippon Maru"	...11,000...	A. G. Stevens.....	June 17th ,,
S.S. "Tenyo Maru"	...22,000...	E. Bent.....	June 24th ,,

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Hongkong Maru	.....11,000.....	Wednesday June 4, Noon.
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LOG BOOK.

Alien Pilotage in British Waters

An important Admiralty order under the provisions of the Pilotage Act, which became law on March 7, has been published in the London Gazette. The Act, by subsection (2) of section 24, enables alien masters and mates, under certain conditions, to apply to the Pilotage Authority for pilotage certificates on the same terms as British subjects, but this power is limited by the following proviso:—Provided that if the Admiralty at any time consider that, on the grounds of public safety, the provisions of this subsection should not be applicable with respect to any pilotage district or part of a pilotage district, they may make an order excluding that district or part of a district from the operation of those provisions; and while any such order is in force with respect to any such district or part of a district a certificate granted under those provisions shall not be of any effect within that district or part of a district. By virtue of this provision the Admiralty now order, "on the grounds of public safety," that provisions of the subsection shall not be applicable with respect to the following areas:—(1) The London pilotage district; (2) The Harwich pilotage district; (3) So much of the Humber pilotage district as lies to the north of Grimsby. The privilege conferred by the subsection which is thus restricted is that the Board of Trade may authorize an alien master or mate to apply for a certificate on the same terms as a British subject, if he satisfies the Board that he is the master or mate of a ship which is of substantially the same class and is trading regularly between the same ports as a foreign ship which, on June 1, 1906, was exempt from the obligation to carry a licensed pilot, or had habitually been piloted by a master or mate of the ship who held a pilotage certificate.

A Mammoth Liner.

The new Cunard Liner Aquitania, which as was stated in the "Telegraph" of that date, was launched on April 21, has been built at Messrs. Brown & Co.'s yard, Clydebank, Glasgow, and her construction has been carried out with a secrecy as well preserved as that of any battleship. Little is known with regard to her dimensions beyond the fact that she will be heavier than the H.-A.L. strs. Imperator and Vaterland, hitherto the largest vessels afloat, and that her length on the loadline is 900 ft. She has been built on the same portion of the Clydebank yard from which the Lusitania was launched, but owing to the length of the new vessel the berth had to be made longer and the angle to the river altered to secure a better launching run. Her keel plates were begun on June 5, 1911, and it is understood that she will be completed and ready for sea in February of next year. In her construction a lesson has been taken from the disaster to the Titanic. Her double bottom and lower hull are to be of usual strength. She is liberally subdivided by transverse bulkheads, which in most cases are absolutely solid, extending well above the water-line. She is also divided from stem to stern by longtitudinal bulkheade, extending right to the bottom of the ship, and will have a water-tight lower deck, with all bunkers arranged along the ship's side. The boilers are of the Scotch cylindrical type, supplying steam to Parsons' turbines fitted in the same way as the turbines installed in the H.A.L.S. Imperator, giving a speed of 23½ knots. The stern frame and brackets is a solid casting weighing 130 tons. The rudder is of solid steel, built in three sections, the top portion being of gun steel. She will have lifeboat accommodation consisting of motor-boats, decked lifeboats of a new type, decked liferafts, and ordinary life-boats, easily sufficient to take off the 4,500 persons she will carry.

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Bukit Jelutong	0.52½	0.60	
Bukit Katil ..	1.00	1.07½	
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Glenealy	1.35	1.45	
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Haytor ...	8.00	9 00	
Indragiri ...	8.00	9 00	
Jimah ...	0 55	0.72½	
Kedah ..	2 30	2 60	
Kelemak ...	1.50	1.00	Dis.
Kempas ...	4.30	4.60	
Kuala Sawah .	nominal	...	
Lunas ...	3.45	3.65	
Malaka Pinda.	1.40	1.50	
Malakoff	2.60	2.80	
Mandai Tekong	0.67½	0.75	
Mergui	2.50	2.85	
Nellmay	0.35	0.40	
New Serendah	2.60	2.70	
Nyalas	0.37½	0.42½	
Pajam... ...	15.00	16.00	
Pantai	1.20	1 30	
Punggor ...	0.95	1.02½	
Radella	14.50	16.00	
Sandycroft ...	12 70	13 25	
Sembrong ...	0.37½	0.47½	
Sungei Bagan	1.10	1.25	
Tambalnk ...	0.67½	0.75	
Tapah	12.85	13.25	
Teluk Anson	7 95	8 25	
Termoloh ...	0.55	...	
Trafalgar ...	1.20	1.35	
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Ulu Pandan	0.67½	0.75	
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Allagar ...	2/6	3/2	c.d.
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Batang Malaka	2/3	3/-	
Bukit Kajang...	£2.2.0	£2 15.0	
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Heawood ...	3/9	4/3	
Highland & Lowlands	£3.6.3	£3 8.6	
Jasin	2/-	2/3	
Kamuning (Perak) ...	3/6	4/-	
Kepitigalla	17/1½	20/-	
Kota Tinggi	2/3	2/6	
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Lumut ...	£1.0.0	£1.12 4	
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Pegoh	...£2.1.0	£2 6 0	
Rembia	...£1.7.0	£1 10.0	
Rubber Estates of Krian ...	2/10½	3/6	
Sapong	...£1.1.0	£1 5.0	
Singapore Para Rubber ...	2/7	3/-	
Singapore United	2 0	2/3	
Straits Bertam ...	4/1	4/9½	
United Temiang	1/11	2/4½	
	0/1 dis. par.		
	Mining.		
Belat ...	3 65	3.90	
Bruang, Lt. ...	2.75	3.05	
Kampar ...	nom.		
Kanaboi, Ltd.	1.90	2.10	
Kinta Association, Ltd. ...	13.00	14.00	
Kinta Tin Mines	£1.17 6	£2.5.0	
Kledang ...	...	...	
Middleton ...	14.00	15.00	
New French Tekka ...	1,300	1,600	
New Tambun	nom.		
Pahang Consolidated ...	8/6	9/6	
Pengkalen ...	...	8/6	10/6
Pusing Bahru	...	6/3	9/-
Pusing Lama	...	6/-	8/- x.d.
Rahman Hydraulic	...16.25	17.75	
Rahman Tin Co.	...21.00	23.50	
Rambutan ...	...	9.50	10.75
Raub ...	....	2.90	3.10
Redbills ...	....	2.70	3.00
Royal Johore	...1.05	1.20	
Selangor River	...	nom.	nom.
Sempam	...	nom.	
Serendah Hydraulic	...	1.50	2.10
Sungei Gau	...16.00	16.75	
Tanjong Rambutan ...	...		10.75
Tekka, Ltd.	...	68/6	75/-
Ting Kil	...	8.00	8.75
Titi Tin Co., Ltd.	...		8.00
Tongkah Harbour	...	15.25	16.50
Tronoh	...	78/6	82/6

Entertainments

THEATRE ROYAL TO-NIGHT AT 9 P.M.

The FIRST Performance of The Famous Edison TALKING Pictures.

The Kinetophone will be shown in Hongkong for a few days ONLY.

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BIJOU.

9.15 PROGRAMME. 9.15

Grand American Drama
THE ROSE OF KENTUCKY.
The Sense of Smell (Comic)
Looking for A Job "
The Bobbie & The Bow-Bow (Comic)
Inquisitive William "
THE SCOTTISH HIGHLANDS (Scenic)
NEWS OF THE DAY
Miss VIOLET BONETTA (Popular Soubrette)
Friday May 2nd
Complimentary Benefit To Mr. R. H. STEPHENSON (Special Programme).

7.15 PICTURES ONLY 7.15

VICTORIA THEATRE.

Electric Fans Throughout.
TUESDAY, 29th Inst.
The Grand Dramatic Film 2000 ft. long.
"THE TEMPEST."
Shakespeare's Great Work
THE CELEBRATED ARTIST Miss ARDEA.
Matinee: Wednesday 5. p.m.
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NOTICE.

From Saturday 3rd of May 1913, the MATINEES will Commence ON WEDNESDAYS, PUBLIC HOLIDAYS, & SATURDAYS at 5.30 p.m. SUNDAYS 6. p.m.

Public Companies

THE NORWICH UNION FIRE INSURANCE SOCIETY, LTD. MARINE DEPARTMENT.

THE UNDERSIGNED having been appointed Agents for the Marine business of the above Society are prepared to accept risks at current rates.

DAVID SASSOON & CO., LD.
Hongkong, 23rd April 1913. [19

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the TWENTY-FOURTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Company's Offices, St. George's Building, on SATURDAY, the 3rd May, 1913, at 12 o'clock, NOON, for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors together with a statement of Accounts to 28th February, 1913, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be closed from the 19th April to the 3rd May, 1913, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co. Agents.
Hongkong, 16th April, 1913. [312

HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE CO., LTD.

NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that Scrip Certificate with respect to 8 Shares numbered 4813/4820 in the above-named Company standing in the name of Messrs. WING KEE & Co. of Hongkong, has been lost and should the same not be produced before the 9th proximo, a new Scrip Certificate will be issued to the said Messrs. WING KEE & Co., and no transaction taking place under the old Scrip Certificate will be recognised by the Company.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD., General Managers.
Hongkong, 5th April, 1913. [32

Notices

KELLY & WALSH, LTD.

SIXPENNY NOVELS,
30 cents each, 4 for $1.00
The Adventures of Monsieur d'Haricot, Storer Clouston.
Young Mrs Jardine, Mrs Craik.
As he was born, Tom Gallon
The Unspoken Word, Morice Gerard
Money, Marie Connor Leighton
The Silent House, Louis Tracy
Lady Jim of Curzon Street, Fergus Hume.
Catherine's Child, Mrs Henry de la Pasture.
The Mystery of the Ravenspurs, Fred M. White.
The Sin of Alison Dering, L. G. Moberly
The Gifts of Civilisation, Dean Church

ITALIAN CONVENT.

THE Superioress of the Italian Convent begs to renew her appeal to the ladies and gentlemen of Hongkong for the usual gifts of cast off garments and worn out clothes to the Convent.

Of late, there has been an appreciable falling-off in the periodical collections of old and second-hand materials received at the Convent. The Supprioress feels confident that she has but to urge the pressing and daily increasing needs of the Convent in its provision for the poor, to receive benevolent responses from local residents.

The change of season calls for change of garments for the orphan children. If residents will kindly realize the great help they can render by sending such of their dress materials as are no longer any use to them, the little children will be suitable provided with clothes they are so much in need of.

ITALIAN CONVENT.
Hongkong, 18th April, 1913. [320

LESSONS IN CHINESE.

MR LI HON FAN, a Chinese graduate versed in literature, has been a teacher to European officials and merchants in this Colony for over ten years.

He has a good method of training Europeans to pass in the Chinese examination, and is possessed of a first rate certificate as a Chinese teacher. He has also a good knowledge of Mandarin and Hakka.

Those who intend learning the Chinese language are requested to write care of "Hongkong Telegraph" office, or direct to 37 Hollywood Road, 1st floor
Hongkong 29th Jan. 1913. [147

Banks

INTERNATIONAL BANKING CORPORATION.

Head Office:—60, Wall Street, New York.
London Office:—36, Bishopsgate, E.C.

BRANCHES:—

Bombay	Kobe
Calcutta	Manila
Canton	Mexico
Cebu	Panama
Colon	Peking
Empire	San Francisco
Hongkong	Shanghai
Hankow	Yokohama

Capital and Reserve.....$7,000,000 (Gold) about.....£1,450,000

EVERY DESCRIPTION OF BANKING BUSINESS transacted.
CURRENT ACCOUNTS opened on the usual terms.
DEPOSITS RECEIVED, fixed for one year at 4% per annum, or for shorter periods, at rates, which may be ascertained on application.
BILLS NEGOTIATED and COLLECTED.
MAIL and TELEGRAPHIC REMITTANCES made.
LETTERS OF CREDIT and DRAFTS granted on all the principal cities in the World.
THE BANK'S CIRCULAR LETTERS OF CREDIT are available all over the World.
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GEORGE HOGG, Manager.
9, Queen's Road, Hongkong.
Hongkong, 1st Nov., 1912 1912

THE YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK, LIMITED.

Established 1880.
Authorised Capital Yen 48,000,000
Paid-up Capital ... " 30,000,000
Reserve Fund ..... " 18,200,000

Head Office.—YOKOHAMA.

Branches	Agencies at
Antung-Hsien	Nagasaki
Bombay	Newchwang
Calcutta	New York
Changchun	Osaka
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Harbin	San Francisco
Hankow	Shanghai
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Kobe	Tientsin
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London	Los Angeles
Lyons	

Interest Allowed on Current Account.
Deposits received for fixed periods at rates to be obtained on application.

EISHI ONO, Manager.
Hongkong, 31st Mar., 1913. [18

THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA AND CHINA.

Incorporated by Royal Charter 1853.

HEAD OFFICE.—LONDON.
Paid-up Capital £1,200,000
Reserve Fund... .....£1,700,000
Reserve Liability of Proprietors £1,200,000

FOREIGN EXCHANGE and General Banking business transacted.
CURRENT ACCOUNTS opened and FIXED DEPOSITS received for 1 year or shorter periods at rates which will be quoted on application.

A. S. HEWETT, Acting Manager.
Hongkong, 11th April, 1912. [22

Notices

THE CHINA PROVIDENT LOAN AND MORTGAGE CO., LTD.

(Capital Paid up...$1,250,000.)

Loans on Mortgage of House Property, &c.
Goods received on Storage.
Advances made on Merchandise:
Loans made on the Provident System.
(Rates and Particulars on application).

The Office of TRUSTEE, EXECUTOR OF WILLS, ATTORNEY, &c., Undertaken and Executed.
SHEWAN, TOMES & Co. General Managers.
Hongkong, 19th March, 1908 32

THE FAMINE IN CHINA.

EIGHT Famine Districts with an area of 30,000 square miles.
TWO and a half million people being starvation.
PLEASE SEND YOUR CONTRIBUTION TO-DAY.
IT WILL HELP TO SAVE LIFE
Treasurer, H. C. GULLAND, Eqr. Manager, International Banking Corporation Shanghai.
Telephone 94th (Number 3010) [27

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT COMPANY, LIMITED.

PORTLAND CEMENT

In Casks of 375 lbs. net.
In Bags of 250 lbs. net.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO. General Managers.
Hongkong, 16th August, 1901. [3

If you happen to be late your meals will be Courteously & Promptly served just the Same, Only at The ALEXANDRA CAFE.

Banks

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

Paid-up Capital	$15,000,000
RESERVE FUNDS:	
Sterling £1,500,000 at 2/- =	$15,000,000
Silver ... 17,200,000	
	$32,200,000
Reserve Liability of Proprietors	$15,000,000

COURT OF DIRECTORS.
Hon. Mr. C. H. Ross—Chairman
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MANAGER.
Shanghai—A. G. Stephen.
London Bankers—London County and Westminster Limited.

Hongkong —Interest Allowed.
On Current Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per Annum on the daily balance.
ON FIXED DEPOSITS.
For 3 months, 2½ per cent. per Annum.
For 6 months, 3½ per cent. per Annum.
For 12 months, 4 per cent. per Annum.
N. J STABB. Chief Manager.

HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK

THE Business of the above Bank is conducted by the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.
Rules may be obtained on application.
INTEREST on deposits is allowed on the minimum monthly balances at $3 Per Cent. per annum.
Depositors may transfer at their option balances of $100 or more to the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank to be placed on FIXED DEPOSIT at 4 Per Cent. per annum.
For the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation,
N. J. STABB, Chief Manager.

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Capital Fully Paid-up ...Sh. Taels 7,500,000
Head Office,—Shanghai.
Board of Directors—Berlin.
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Tsinanfu	Tsingtau	Yokohama.	

LONDON BANKERS:
Messrs. N. M. Rothschild & Sons.
The Union of London and Smith's Bank, Limited.
Deutsche Bank (Berlin), London Agency.
Direction der Disconto Gesellschaft.
INTEREST allowed on Current Account. DEPOSITS received on terms which may be learned on application. Every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

R. TIMMERSCHEIDT, Manager.
Hongkong, 9th Oct., 1911. [2

THE MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LIMITED.

Authorised Capital	£1,500,000
Subscribed "	1,125,000
Paid Up "	562,000
Reserved Fund	415,000

HEAD OFFICE:
40, Threadneedle Street, London, E.C.
BRANCHES:

Bombay.	Kandy.
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Rangoon.	Hongkong.
Colombo.	Shanghai.

AGENTS IN JAPAN:
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BANKERS:
Bank of England.
London Joint Stock Bank, Ltd.

EVERY description of Banking and Exchange business transacted. Stocks and Shares bought and sold on account of Constituents. Letters of Credit granted on Agents and Correspondents all over the world.
Interest allowed on Current Accounts at 2 per cent per annum on Daily Balance and on Fixed Deposits at rates which may be ascertained on application.

F. C. MACDONALD, Manager.

Exchange

Selling.	
T/T.	2/-
Demand	2/- 1/16
30 d/s	2/- 1/8
60 d/s	2/- 3/16
4 m/s	2/- 1/4
T/T. Shanghai	72¼
T/T. Singapore	85½
TT. Japan	98
T.T. India	149
Demand. India	149¼
Demand, Manila	98
T/T. San F'co & New York	48½
T/T. Java	120⅝
T/T. Marks	204
T/T. France	2.52

Buying.	
4 m/s. L/C	2/- 7/16
4 m/s. D/P.	2/- 9/16
6 m/s. L/C	2/- 5/8
30 d/s. S'ney & Melbourne	2/- 11/16
30 d/s. San F'co & New York.	49⅜
4 m/s. Marks	210
4 m/s. France	2.57½
6 m/s. do.	2.59½
Bar Silver, ready	27 13/16
forward	28
Gold Leaf per tael	50
Bank of England rate	4½
Sovereign	$9.90

Subsidiary Coins.
Discount per $100

Chinese ...20 cts. pieces...	$7¾
Chinese ...10 " ...	$8
Hongkong.20 " ...	$6 13/16
Hongkong.10 " ...	$7 13/16

Opium Quotation.
Mar. 28.
Malwa, New .....$3,000 per pic.

Malwa, Old	3,100	"
Patna, New	3,350	per chest.
Patna, Old	3,200	"
Benares, New	3,400	"
Benares, Old.....	3,250	"

SHARE REPORT.

S—SELLERS SA—SALE B—BUYERS

Stocks & Paid up Value.		Closing Quotations		Last Dividend and Date.
BANKS.				
Hongkong & S'hai	$125	$805 sa.		£2/5/- at ex 2/-⅜ equal to $21.71 for ½ year ending 31/12/12
		£81/10/-		
MARINE INSURANCE.				
Cantons	$50	$310	sa.	$18 for 1911
North China	£5	T136	b.	Interim of 10/- for 1911
Unions	$100	$795	sa.	Final of $20 making $50 for 1911 and Interim of $30 for 1912
Yangtzes	£50	$156½	b.	Final of $12 mak. $15 for 1911 & Int. of $3 for 1912
FIRE INSURANCES.				
China Fires	$20	$149	s.	$10 for 1911
Hongkong Fires	$50	$356	s.	$27 for 1911
SHIPPING.				
China & Manilas	$25	$8½	b.	$1 for 1906
Douglas Steamship	$50	$42	b.	5 p.c. for year end'g 30'6'12
Steamboats	$15	$27¼	b.	Dividend of $1 for half year ending 31'12'12
Indo-Chinas (Preferred) (Deferred)	£5	$95½	s.	6 p.c. for year 1910 on preferred shares
"Shell" Transports	£1	116/6 middle		Final of 2/- making 20% for year ending 31'12'11
		£11	b.	Int. of 1/- a/c. 1912
"Star Ferry"	$10	$49	b.	15 p.c. for year ending 30.4.12
REFINERIES.				
China Sugars	$100	$105	b.	$3 for 1912
Luzon Sugars	$100	$38		$3 for 1897
MINING.				
Chinese Engineerings	£1	32/6		1/6 per shares final 1911 (Coupon No. 18)
Tronohs	£1	77/9 middle		Int. of 2/6 a/c. 1913
Raubs	£1	$3.60	b.	1/2 for 1909
DOCKS, WHARVES, & GODOWNS.				
Kowloon Wharfs	$50	$78	b.	$4.50 for year 1912
H.K. & W'poa Docks	$50	$71	b.	$1 final dividend for year 1911
Shanghai Docks	T. 100	T.61	b.	Tls. 3 for 1912
Hongkew Wharfs	T. 100	T.108	b.	Final of Tls. 4 making Tls 7 for 1912
LANDS, HOTELS & BUILDINGS.				
Anglo French Lands	T.100	T.94		Tls. 6 29'2'10
Hongkong Hotels	$50	$115	b.	$3 on old shares, $1.50 on new shares for half year 31'12'12
		$76	b.	
Hongkong Lands	$100	$110	b.	Final div. of $3½ making $7 for 1912
Humphreys Estates	$10	$8¼	b.	50 cents for 1912
Kowloon Lands	$30	$37	b.	$2.80 for 1912
Shanghai Lands	T. 30	T. 92	b.	5 p.c. for half to 30'6'12 & final of 6 p.c. making 11 p.c. for 1912
West Points	$50	$62	b.	Final of $2.25 making $4.25 for 1912
Manila M'pole Hotel	P.10	P. 8		15 per cent. for 1910
COTTON MILLS.				
Ewos	T. 50	T. 140		T4 for year ended 31'10'10
Hongkong Cottons	$10	$10	s.	T7 for year ended 30'12'10
MISCELLANEOUS.				
China-Borneos	$12	$9¾	b.	50 cents 31.7.08
Light and Powers	$10	$3	s.	85 cents for 1912
Do. (Spec. shares)	$1			
China Providents	$10	$8¾	nominal	70 cents for 1912
Dairy Farms	$6	$25½	nominal	$1.25 for year end'g 31'7'12
Green Islands	$10	$5	s.	40 cents for 1911
Hongkong Electrics	$10	$33	b.	$1.40 per share
Hongkong Ices	$25	$150	s.	Final of $8 mak. $10 for 1912
Hongkong Ropes	$10	$21	b.	$1 interim & final of $1 $2 for 1912
Langkats	g. 10	T.6½	b.	Tls. 1 account 1913
Morning Post	$25	$22		None
Peak Tramway	$10	$11½	s.	80 cents on fully paid shares and 8 cents on $1 paid shares for year ending 30'4'12
Do. (new)	$1	$1	b.	Int. of $1½ per share
Hongkong Electric Trams		7/3	b.	None
Philippines	$10	$5	s.	$1.50 for 1910
H. Price & Co., Ld.	$10	$6		
Societe des Pulpeset Papierteries du Tonkin	Preferred $50 paid up $50 Benefit	$30	s.	None
Shanghai-Sumatras	T. 20	T.150		
Steam Laundry	$5	$4	b.	No dividend this year 50 cts. for year end'g 30'5'1
United Asbestos Oriental Agency, Ld.	$10	$9½	b.	20 per cent. per ordinary share for year ended 31'5'1912
United Asbestos Founders Shares	$10	$300		
Union Waterboat	$10	$17	s.	$1 per share for year ending 31'12'1912
Weismann, Ltd.	$10	$18	b.	25 per cent. for year ending 31'7'11
Watson	$10	$8.60	b.	30 cents for 1910
William Powell		$93¾	b.	40 cts. for year ending 30'6'12

Corrected to 10.30 p.m. April 28th 1913 by WRIGHT AND HORNBY, Stock and General Brokers & Do Voeux Road Central. Tel. address Brothers.
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THAT PARTY WALL.

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he made up his mind to condemn it. He was not prepared to swear that there were cracks. He believed there were, but he had visited so many dangerous buildings about that time. The reason for his ordering the wall to be pulled down was that there were signs of crushing and fractured bricks. If there were cracks over the windows they certainly helped him to come to the conclusion he did; it was however, not the only reason. He saw nothing in the shoring about which he could complain, but he pointed out that he only visited the house once or twice after the shoring was put up. The shoring which he saw was of a similar nature to that he generally saw.

In answer to Mr. Slade, witness said that neither of the owners complied with the notices within the the time limited. In fact work was not done until some time in May. The Building authority had ample authority to enforce obedience to their notices.

Mr. Slade:—May I take it that you did not consider it necessary to enforce immediate compliance in this case?—No; I dont think you may take it that way.

Serious Collapses.

What way may I take it?—There were serious collapses and it was impossible to go along Lascar Row; we believed there were bodies in the debris and we were trying to get them out.

That was only for about a week. After all the debris was cleared away and the street was clear and building operations were going on, you did not consider it necessary to enforce compliance with the notices?—I used a lot of effort to get them complied with, in many cases.

The reason why you did not insist upon the work being done, was because these walls were not seriously dangerous and it was not unsafe to leave them standing?—For a few weeks longer; Yes.

(The use of the fans in court to-day rendered hearing even more difficult than usual and certain remarks from the bench were all but inaudible.)

Mr. Slade still cross-examining, remarked after a reply by Mr. Wright that the witness seemed to have adopted a very hostile attitude.

His Lordship remarked that counsel must not say that.

Mr. Slade replied that he did not understand witness's attitude. It was very hostile.

Mr. Wright:—I am not, Mr. Slade.

Most Undignified.

His Lordship:—That I shall not allow; your suggestion is undignified.

Mr. Slade:—But I don't understand witness's attitude.

His Lordship:—I don't want to say anything more about it. The first reply which the witness gives you and you don't like, you describe as hostile. The suggestion is most undignified.

Mr. J. Lemm said the blue brick pier was in his opinion more than sufficient to support the bressemer, together with four fir poles. The pier would have borne an ultimate weight of 38 tons, and the fir poles with the two raking shores alongside would carry 86 tons. In all both the poles, shores and pier would carry an ultimate weight of 124 tons. The weight of the wall, etc. was 19 tons over the whole bressemer. He attributed the cracks to the fact that the front wall was of blue brickwork, that there was no bonding between the arches and the brickwork, and to a probable shrinkage of lintels and the bressemer, exposure to fire and water and the age of the building. He had examined No. 17 this morning, and the arches were cracked in that house in the same manner as he found in No. 19 on July 24 of last year.

THE LATE REV. A. N. STANTON.

Impressive Funeral Scenes.

On April 1 the body of the Rev. A. H. Stanton was carried through the central district of London before its burial at Brookwood.

The popularity of Father Stanton in the district in which he spent fifty years of his life, says the "Times," was strikingly demonstrated by the scenes in the neighbourhood of St. Alban's, Holborn, during the morning. The body had been brought from Stroud on the previous evening and placed in the chancel of the church, where vespers for the dead were recited. On Tuesday morning masses of requiem were sung at 6, 7, and 8 o'clock, and on each occasion there was a large congregation But an even more impressive ceremony was seen at 10.30 when a solemn requiem was sung.

Striking as the service inside the church had been for its stately reverence, it was in the public streets that the most touching tribute to Mr. Stanton's memory was paid, when the procession started on its journey through London a few minutes after 1 o'clock. Brooke-street, which runs from the church into Holborn, was crowded with men and women, dressed for the most part in mourning, all anxious to pay a last tribute to a personal friend. Headed by the churchwardens, the thurifer swinging the incense as he went and the crucifix with lighted torches on each side, the procession passed out from Brooke-street into Holborn, where all traffic was suspended while the cortege went on its journey. Following the crucifix came the choir of St. Alban's who sang a number of hymns which were taken up by others in the procession, and in many cases by the spectators also, and the head of every man in the crowd was bared as there passed by the coffin wheeled by the clergy of the church, two of whom acted as pall bearers. The members of the congregation who followed included persons of almost every rank and station, and their attendance in such large numbers was perhaps the most striking tribute that could be paid to Mr. Stanton's memory. One of his most notable places of work done was among the postmen, and in the hour of death they remembered the debt they owed him. A large contingent of Post Office workers walked in the procession close to a body of Boy Scouts with staves reversed, and close to a group of sisters of mercy. To some of those who walked by way of Holborn, Kingsway, Waterloo-bridge, York-road, and Westminster Bridge-road to the Necropolis Railway Station, the ordeal must have been a severe one.

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Shanghai, s.s. Anhui.
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Singapore s.s. Porsia.
Shanghai, s.s. Taishun.
Haiphong, s.s. Sungkiang.

MAILS VIA SIBERIA.

Left London	Due Shanghai
April 9	April 26
April 10	April 28

MAILS DUE.

German, P. Ludwig, 30th inst.

The Prinz Ludwig with the German Mail left Singapore on Saturday the 26th inst., at 8 a.m and is expected to arrive here on Wednesday the 30th inst.

MAILS CLOSE.

German Mail.

Pakhoi, Haiphong, and Saigon—Per Kaifong, 29th April, 8 a.m.

Philippine Island, Straits, Burmah, Ceylon, Adelaide, Western Australia, India, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Naples—Per Luetzow, 29th April, 9 a.m.

Swatow, Amoy and Foochow—Per Haiyang, 29th April, 10 a.m.

Swatow and and North China—Per Hangsang, 29th April, 10 a.m.

Straits and India via Bombay—Per Ischia, 29th April, 10 a.m.

Straits—Per Rhesus, 29th April, 10 a.m.

Siberian Mail.

Shanghai, North China, Japan via Nagasaki, Honolulu Canada, United States South America and San Francisco (Europe via Siberia)—Per Shinyo-maru, 29th April, 11 a.m.

Kudat and Sandakan—Per Borneo, 29th April, 1 p.m.

Macao—Per Sui Tai, 29th April 1.15 p.m.

Philippine Island—Per Chinhua, 29th April, 3 p.m.

Swatow, Amoy and Formosa via Anping—Per Soshumaru, 29th April, 5 p.m.

Swatow—Per Haimun, 30th April, 10 a.m.

Shanghai, North China and Japan via Nagasaki, Victoria and Tacoma—Per Mexico-maru, 30th April, 11 a.m.

Straits and India via Calcutta—Per Laisang, 30th April, 1 p.m.

Macao—Per Sui Tai, 30th April, 1.15 p.m.

Siberian Mail.

Shanghai, North China and Japan via Kobe (Europe via Siberia)—Per Prinz Ludwig, 30th April, 5 p.m.

Fort Bayard, Haiphong, and Pakhoi—Per Hongkong, 1st May, 9 a.m.

Shanghai, North China and Japan via Kobe—Per Thongwa, 1st May, 11 a.m.

Philippine Islands, Timor, Australia, Tasmania, New Zealand via Port Darwin—Per Eastern, 1st May, 11 a.m.

Macao—Per Sui Tai, 1st May, 1.15 p.m.

Shanghhai and North China—Per Anhui, 1st May, 3 p.m.

Swatow, Weihaiwei and Tientsin—Per Huichow 1st May, 3 p.m.

Swatow, Amoy and Foochow—Per Haichong, 2nd May, 10 a.m.

Philippine Islands—Per Yuensang, 3rd May, 1 p.m.

Macao—Per Sui Tai, 3rd May, 1.15 p.m.

Siberian Mail.

Shanghai and North China (Europe via Siberia)—Per Chenan, 3rd May, 5 p.m.

Shanghai and North China—Per Kwongsang, 3rd May, 5 p.m.

Japan via Yatshing—Per Yatshing, 5th May, 11 a.m.

Swatow, Amoy and Foochow—Per Haitan, 6th May, 10 a.m.

French Mail.

Saigon, Straits, Ceylon, Adelaide, Western Australia, India, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles (Late Letters 11 to Noon. Extra Postage 10 cents). (Letters posted in all the Pillar Boxes in time for the first clearance will be included in this contract mail.)—Per Amazone, 6th May, 11 a.m.

Philippine Islands—Per Rubi, 7th May, 3 p.m.

Philippine Islands, Australia, Tasmania and New Zealand via Port Dawinr—Per Taiyuan, 10th May, 10 a.m.

SHIPPING NEWS.

ARRIVED.

Phranang, Br. s.s., 1,022, Mager, 26th April—Saigon 15th April, Rice.—A. Bune.

Opland, Nor. s.s., 843, Eriksen, 26th April—Amoy 25th April, Ballast.—A. P. Co.

Mathilde, Ger. s.s., 861, Schlarkier, 26th April—Swatow 25th April, Gen.—J. & Co.

Hongkong, Fr. s.s., 739, Marguerite, 26th April—Haiphong via Hoihow 25th April, Gen.—A. R. Marty.

Shansi, Br. s.s., 1,729, Simons, 27th April—Newchwang, Dalny and Chefoo 21st April, Gen.—B. & S.

Haidis, Nor. s.s., 1,065, Jorganeen, 27th April—Bangkok and Swatow 26th April, Rice.—T. & Co.

Haiyang, Br. s.s., 1,363, Hodgins, 27th April—Swatow 26th April, Gen.—D. L. & Co.

Kwangtah, Chi. s.s., 1,533, P. Stewart, 27th April—Canton 26th April, Gen.—C. M. S. N. Co.

Varg, Nor. s.s., Rasmussen, 28th April—Canton 27th April, Ballast.—B. & Co.

Huichow, Br. s.s., 1,222, Hooker, 28th April—Tientsin 23rd April, Gen.—B. & S.

Bohemia, Aust. s.s., 2,305, Meeraus, 28th April—Trieste 20th April, Gen.—S. W. & Co.

Taishun, Br. s.s., 1,216, Paramore, 28th April—Shanghai 24th April, Gen.—C. M. S. N. Co.

Anhui, Br. s.s., 1,350, Barris, 28th April—Shanghai 24th April, Gen.—B. & S.

Indrani, Br. s.s., 6,704, Pilcher, 28th April—Yokohama and Shanghai 24th April, J., M. & Co.

Sungkiang, Br. s.s., 976, Finlayson, 28th April—Haiphong and Hoihow 27th April, Gen.—B. & S.

CLEARANCES AT THE HARBOUR OFFICE.

April 26.

Chihli, for Canton.
Tjibodas, for Shanghai.

April 28.

Kwangtah, for Shanghai.
Varg, for Hongay.
Haiyang, for Foochow.
Mathilde, for Tourane.
Pongtong, for Bangkok.
Taishun, for Canton.
Rhesus, for London.
Anhui, for Canton.
Bohemia, for Shanghai.
Shansi, for Canton.
Haichow, for Canton.
Indrane, for New York.
Opland, for Bangkok.
Tjilatjap, for Kobe.
Chowtai, for Shanghai.

DEPARTED.

April 27.

Haimun, for Swatow.
Helene, for Quinhon.
Triumph, for Haiphong.
Linan, for Shanghai.
Daijin-maru, for Tamsui.

April 28.

Dagny, for Canton.
Mathilde, for Hoihow.
Chowtai, for Swatow.
Pongtong, for Swatow.
Varg, for Hongay.

PASSENGERS ARRIVED.

Per s.s. Hongkong, arrived 26th inst., from Haiyhong, &c.:—
Brue, Mr. and Duclos
Mrs. Vadon, D.
Collardet, Capt. Sidaine

Per s.s. Haiyang, arrived 27th inst., from Swatow:—
Crull Huggan, G. E.
Edwards Harlon, G.
Fries Pheng, W.

Per s.s. Anhui, arrived 28th inst., from Shanghai:—
Anderson, Gen. Hunha
Brock, Capt. De.

SHIPS PASSED THE CANAL.

London, 1st April.

Arrivals from China:—Goldenfels, Machaon.

The following vessels have passed the Canal:—Bellerophon, Alesia, Bendoran, Somali, Demodocus.

London, 4th April.

Arrivals from China:—Achilles, Ateuta Maru, Sardinia.

The following vessels have passed the Canal:—Bohemia, Ping-Suey, Sumatra, Yunnan, Indrahnala, Paul Lecat.

London, 8th April.

Arrivals from China:—Paul Lecat.

The following vessels have passed the Canal:—Benledi, Cathan, Sicilia, Teucer, Africa, Preussey,

London, 11th April.

Arrivals from China:—Derflinger.

The following vessels have passed the Canal:—Brisgavia, Hitachi Maru, Lennox, Menelaus, P. E. Friedrich, Prinz Ludwig, Segovia, Neleus.

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WEATHER REPORT.

On the 28th at 12.15.—Pressure has increased moderately over Japan, the depression having passed into the Pacific. It is decreasing rapidly in the neighbourhood of Shanghai, a depression apparently forming over the Yangtze Valley.

Changes are slight elsewhere.

No returns from Indo-China.

Moderate S E. winds may be expected along the E. coast of China.

Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inches.

FORECAST FOR THE 24 HOURS ENDING AT NOON TO-MORROW.

District.	Forecast.
1 Hongkong and Neighbourhood	E. winds, moderate; overcast, misty, some rain.
2 Formosa Channel	Variable winds, moderate.
3 South coast of China between H.K. and Lamocks	The same as No. 1.
4 South coast of China between H.K. and Hainan.	The same as No. 1.

China Coast Meteorological Register.
28th April, a.m.

Station.	Hour.	Barometer.	Temperature	Humidity.	Wind. D'tion.	Wind. Force.	Weather.
W'ostock	7a	29.89	45	—	ese	3	b
Nemuro	6a	29.85	—	—	sw	1	—
Ha'codate	„	29.99	—	—	w	3	—
Tokio	„	29.99	—	—	ene	2	—
Kochi	„	29.95	—	—	sw	1	—
Nagasaki	„	30.01	—	—	nw	1	—
K'shima	„	30.02	—	—	nw	1	—
Oshima	„	30.01	—	—	—	0	—
Naha	„	30.01	—	—	—	0	—
Ishi'jima	„	29.97	—	—	ne	1	—
Bonin Is.	„	30.08	—	—	—	0	—
Chefoo	„	—	—	—	—	—	—
W'haiwei	„	29.99	51	79	ssw	2	b
Hankow	„	—	—	—	—	—	—
Ichang	„	—	—	—	—	—	—
Kiukiang	„	—	—	—	—	—	—
Changsha	„	—	—	—	—	—	—
Shanghai	„	30.02	49	—	ese	1	od
Gutzlaff	„	29.97	49	—	e	1	omr
Sharp P.	7a	30.05	63	—	—	0	o
Amoy	6a	30.04	66	84	se	2	o
Swatow	„a	30.01	69	90	ne	1	c
Taihoku	5a	29.97	—	—	ne	2	—
Taichu	„	29.99	—	—	e	4	—
Tainan	„	29.98	—	—	ne	4	—
Koshun	„	29.96	—	—	e	4	—
P'dores	„	—	—	—	—	—	—
Canton	9a	29.99	79	82	wsw	1	—
H'kong	6a	29.97	73	97	e	3	of
Gap Rock	„	29.93	—	—	e	3	o
Macao	„	29.95	75	—	ese	1	of
Wuchow	9a	—	—	—	—	—	—
Pakhoi	„	—	—	—	—	—	—
Hoihow	„	—	—	—	—	—	—
Phulien	6a	—	—	—	—	—	—
Tourane	„	—	—	—	—	—	—
C. St. J.	„	—	—	—	—	—	—
Aparri	„	29.91	72	—	sse	1	b
Manila	„	29.87	75	—	—	0	b
Legaspi	„	29.84	77	—	nne	2	o
Iloilo	9a	29.83	83	—	ne	1	b
Bacolod	„	—	—	—	nw	1	b
Cebu	„	29.86	86	—	e	1	c
Labuan	„	29.85	84	—	—	—	—

T. F. Claxton, Director.

Hongkong, Observatory, Apr. 28.

1 Barometer, reduced to 32 degrees Fahrenheit on the level of the sea in inches, tenths and hundredths.

2 Temperature, in the shade, in degrees Fahrenheit.

3 Humidity, in percentage of saturation, the Humidity of air saturated with moisture being 100,

4 Direction of Wind, to two points.

5 Force of Wind, according to Beaufort Scale.

6 State of Weather, b blue sky, c detached cloud, d drizzling rain f fog, g gloomy, h hail, l lightning, o overcast, p passing showers, q squally, r rain, s snow, t, thunder, v visibility, w dew wet).

0 Rain in inches, tenths and hundredths.

METEOROLOGICAL.

	Previous Day at 8 p.m.	On Date at 8 a.m.	On Date at 2 p.m.
Barometer	29.90	29.95	29.94
Temperature	78	73	82
Humidity	87	92	73
Wind Direction	E	E	E
Force	2	2	2
Weather	c	o	c
Rain	—	—	—

Highest open air Temperature on the 26th 83
Lowest „ „ „ „ 27 75

H.K. Observatory, 27th April, 1913.
T. F. Claxton, Director.

TIDE TABLE.

28th April, to 4th May, 1913.

Day of Week	Date of Month	High Water Hongkong Mean Time. m	ft	Low Water Hongkong Mean Time. m	ft
Mon.	28	m 0	14 6.7	m 3 28	2.3
Tues.	29	m 9	41 7.0	m 3 45	2.5
Wed.	30	m 10	9 7.2	m 4 3	2.5
Thurs	1	m 0	30 6.6	m 4 20	2.6
Fri.	2	m 1	48 6.7	m 4 40	2.7
Satur.	3	7	6 6.7	7 16	1.6
Sun	4	No inferior High nor Low Water			

m morning a afternoon.

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SHANGHAI, TSINGTAU, NAGASAKI & KOBE	PRINZ LUDWIG Capt. F. v. Binzer 18,300	about WEDNESDAY, 30th April.
MANILA, ANGAUR, YAP, MARONN, SAMARAI, SYDNEY & MELBOURNE	PRINZ SIGISMUND Capt. D. Lenz 6,000	SATURDAY, 17th May at 9 a.m.
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HAITAN.....	J. S. Roach.....	TUESDAY, 6th May, at 11 a.m.

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